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R[illegible]g cost of education and services causing serious financial problems

TORONTO —

Enormous financial problems lie ahead for Toronto's Jewish community, warned Rose Wolfe, past president of Toronto Jewish Congress, in a recent address at Holy Blossom Temple.

Speaking from the pulpit at a special sisterhood service, Mrs. Wolfe said continuing inflation, the rising cost of Jewish education and social services and the need to counteract the forces of anti-semitism are imposing a heavy burden on the community and "there is little relief in sight."

All of this, she continued, is seen against the background of cutbacks in government spending for social benefits and health services, so that the shortfall, in many cases, will have to be picked up by our social agencies and funded by United Jewish Appeal dollars.

The United Way, a major source of funds for the Jewish social agencies, has also failed to keep up with the rate of inflation "which for us means a cutback in real dollars," she said.

Mrs. Wolfe discussed particularly the high cost of Jewish education which, she declared, "is absolutely necessary for Jewish continuity." She said that "this obviously is the prevailing view of Jewish education in Toronto today as we witness the ever-increasing growth of the day school movement — the largest and reportedly best on the North American continent." Bialik, the one secular day school, has a waiting list of over 200 for its first class, she noted.

But, said Mrs. Wolfe, because education has become "prohibitively expensive" for both parents and the community, "we will have to face the necessity of seeking public funds to help support our schools, otherwise the system will collapse.

"This is not to say," she added, "that there will be no day schools. There are always those for whom Jewish education is a first priority to be pursued at all costs. But for the vast majority there is a cutoff point beyond which fees become a deterrent."

Mrs. Wolfe said "we have not yet raised our voices in protest" to government about the community's financial headaches. This, she said, "has been a matter of judgment since so much of our funding comes from government. But there may come a point in time at which we can no longer afford to remain silent."

Mrs. Wolfe noted the changing makeup of the community since the post World War II era. Waves of immigration brought to Toronto Europeans who survived the Holocaust, Sephardic North Africans and more recently Israelis and Russians, as well as South Africans and Quebecers.

Rose Wolfe

"They come from different cultures with varying degrees of identification with our way of life," she said, "and we have not done a particularly good job in helping to integrate these groups. The Hungarians and Czechoslovakians are still groups unto themselves and may have assimilated. The Israelis are completely alienated and we are struggling with the problem of the Russians who know nothing of our system . . . of Jewishness."

She suggested that "in one more attempt to work with the Russians, it may well fall to the synagogue to provide the warmth and family-centred activity, as well as the person-to-person relationships which may convince them that perhaps Judaism has something to offer."

Mrs. Wolfe added that "the South Africans and the Quebecers are the good news . . . but they, too, have been feeling left out and must be made to feel welcome."

In reviewing the history of the development of the community, Mrs. Wolfe said voluntarism had played a major role in building the network of social services. Beginning in the 60s, professionalism reduced the role of the volunteer and women, especially, began seeking new roles in business and the professions.

But, declared Mrs. Wolfe, "we still have a community which, by its very nature, cannot exist without voluntary effort. If you can imagine our city without Congress, Baycrest, JIAS, the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Family & Child Service, the Hebrew schools and countless other organizations, you can begin to understand what would happen without the voluntary sector of our society. This would mean the breakdown of our community, as we know it."

Mrs. Wolfe said it is crucial "that we maintain our sectarian volunteer agencies and institutions. Not to do so would hasten our absorption into the general population and the loss of whatever uniqueness we may have. These institutions help us keep our Jewishness and, at the same time, keep that special part of humanity in each of us — which makes us responsible for one another."

IT'S PURIM

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Pupils of Ruth Minden and Ilana Pirotsky's senior kindergarten class at Associated Hebrew Schools' Neptune campus celebrate Purim. Holiday festivities abound in the community at large; see page 8 for more details.

This year in Jerusalem...

Celebrate Purim for three days

By RABBI SHMUEL HIMELSTEIN

JERUSALEM —

One of the most famous of all children's songs for Purim bemoans the fact that "Purim comes but one day a year."

As we know, every rule has its exception, so why should Purim be any different? In fact, if you play your cards right, there are certain years where Purim can last for **three** days — provided you're in the right place.

First the bad news — this doesn't happen very often. In fact, since the beginning of World War II, it only occurred four times — in 1950, 1954, 1974 and 1977 and it will only occur twice more until the end of the century — in 1981 and 1994.

That's right, here is the good news: this is the year that it happens. But there's a catch to it — it only occurs in those cities which had a wall surrounding them at the time of Joshua such as Jerusalem and a handful of other cities.

How this happens and what happens is the subject of this article.

As is known, most cities celebrate Purim on the 14th of Adar, while the walled cities celebrate it on the 15th. In certain rare years (those we listed above), the 15th of Adar occurs on a Shabbat. This presents all types of problems. Normally, there are four basic laws pertaining to Purim: (a) One reads the Megillah; (b) One gives alms to at least two poor people; (c) One sends at least two kinds of food to at least one friend; (d) One has a festive meal for the family.

In addition, the passage called Al Hanissim, which thanks G-d for the miracle, is said in the prayers and in the grace after meals.

Unfortunately, none of the four special laws can be observed on Shabbat. The first three are forbidden because one cannot marry, while the last is not possible for various other religious reasons. The result is that on the 15th of Adar, which is supposed to be Purim in Jerusalem, all we will do will be to recite Al Hanissim at the right times. The other four laws have to be moved.

The laws are not, however, all moved to the same day; two of them are advanced and two are postponed. Thus, on Friday, we read the Megillah (because one is never permitted to read it later than the 15th of Adar), and, as is so typical of Judaism, the law regarding the alms to the poor is also advanced. If there is a problem with the date, why should they suffer?

More than that, though — the rabbis instituted giving alms earlier in order to ensure that the poor have enough money to buy their Sabbath needs.

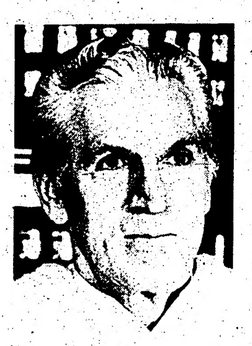
That leaves us with two other laws — sending gifts to one's friends and the festive meal. Here the rabbis saw no reason to rush things, so they very simply moved them both to Sunday — a day where one does not have to worry about getting everything ready for Shabbat. And the result of all of this is that Jerusalem this year will celebrate the **Purim meshulash**, or "triple Purim."

And there is a moral to my tale: if you too want to experience three days of Purim, rush to Jerusalem this year. This is your last chance until 1984 . . .

Schreyer is patron of Laskin dinner

OTTAWA —

Bora Laskin, the Chief Justice of Canada, will be honored at a national dinner tenderd by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, "in recognition of his contribution to Canada, to education and to the application of law for the betterment of mankind," it was announced last week.



Bora Laskin

The dinner, expected to attract friends and colleagues from across Canada, the United States and abroad, will take place at Ottawa's Skyline Hotel on June 17 under the patronage of Governor-General Edward Schreyer.

On the occasion of the dinner, the Canadian Society is establishing an endowed professorial chair in science teaching, in perpetuity, in the name of the Chief Justice at the institute at Rehovot, Israel.

Appointed to the Supreme Court in 1970 and ascending to the Chief Justice's chair three years later, Laskin is acknowledged as a leading authority on constitutional law. He has written books and journal articles during his distinguished legal career, and was highly esteemed by students at Osgoode Hall and the University of Toronto law schools during the 25 years that he taught there.

Among the leadership positions he has held are president, Canadian Association of University Teachers; chairman of the board of governors, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; president, Association of Canadian Law Teachers; and chancellor, Lakehead University. He has also served on the boards of York and Carleton universities.

Weizmann officials state that funds raised in honor of Chief Justice Laskin will be placed in an endowment, the income from which will assure the continuation of science teaching and the expansion of its program. New findings in science teaching techniques and methodology will be made available to educators throughout the world.

The Israeli government will match the interest to be earned by the endowment funds. "Thus, every dollar donated will have twice the earning power," said the official.

Commons condemns klan

By BEVERLEY STERN

OTTAWA —

For the second time within a year, the House of Commons has passed a motion condemning the Ku Klux Klan.

On March 11, David Collenette, Liberal MP from York East, introduced a motion in the House of Commons which read as follows:

"In view of the unfortunate incident at Don Mills Collegiate in my constituency in which a member of the KKK was permitted to address a senior history class, I move that this House reaffirms its condemnation of the KKK, as passed unanimously in the House on July 14 last on a motion by the honorable member for Broadview-Greenwood, Bob Rae."

Collenette's motion was seconded by Walter Baker, PC House leader from Nepean-Carlton, and supported by Stanley Knowles, NDP House leader from Winnipeg North Centre.

Collenette is the parliamentary secretary to Yvon Pinard, president of the Privy Council and Liberal House leader.

Under Standing Order 43, Collenette said that "the principle of freedom of speech does not give licence to preach hatred against any racial minorities in this country."

The motion further urged "all provincial departments of education and local school boards of Canada to take note of the condemnation of the KKK."

Collenette's assistant in Ottawa, Max LeRoy, said he doubted if the House condemnation of the KKK would lead to a ban on the KKK because the Criminal Code allows freedom of speech.

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ANALYSIS — EEC's peace plans are turned down by Reagan

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Reagan administration, contrary to British and French beliefs, has come out against a European Economic Community (EEC) diplomatic plan to supplement the Camp David peace process — a development which heartens the Israelis.

The Israeli government had feared that President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig had softened their opposition to the EEC proposal, in the wake of official visits to Washington by the British prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, and the French foreign minister, Jean Francois-Poncet.

Thatcher, together with her foreign minister, Lord Carrington, spoke of the need to extend "self-determination" to the Palestinians, and justified as "absolutely fair" last June's Venice declaration by the EEC, which called for the PLO's "association" with a final settlement.

"Israel cannot demand rights which she denies to others," Thatcher said. "Israel must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians." Lord Carrington, who has made no secret of his plans to meet PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat after he assumes the EEC's Council of Ministers presidency in June, said "something more" would be required to ensure "further progress" toward a comprehensive solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Francois-Poncet, whose country's Middle East policy is bluntly pro-Arab, was purported to have stated that the Israelis were following a "suicidal" course in their dealings with the Arabs. He reportedly told U.S. officials that the Camp David process had all but outlived its usefulness.

It was reported that Reagan and his closest advisors had been impressed by Thatcher's, Carrington's and Francois-Poncet's presentations. Such was the apparent amicability of their talks that the authoritative Washington Post reported the White House was now significantly less antagonistic to the EEC's independent search for new approaches to the Palestinian problem.

Last week, rumors of a shift in the administration's stance vis-a-vis the EEC were scotched, for the moment at least, by pronouncements emanating from Washington and Jerusalem.

William Dyess, the state department spokesman, remarked: "We have made it plain that this administration supports the ongoing peace process and intends to build on it...."

David Kimche, the director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, said Israel had received assurances in "plain language" that the U.S. remained unalterably opposed to EEC initiatives.

The Israeli said the U.S. was against it because it could bring the Soviets and the PLO, which maintains close ties with Moscow, into negotiations.

Meanwhile, release of a confidential EEC working document on the Middle East hardened Israel's resolve to keep the Europeans at arm's length.

The proposals envisage a full Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories; the disbandment of all Jewish settlements there, and the establishment of a separate Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

According to the paper, Israel's withdrawal should be phased over about two years and governed by UN Security Council resolution 242, adopted in November of 1967.

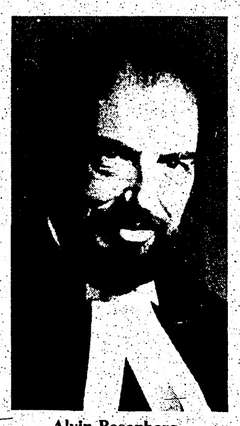
Menachem Begin, Israel's Prime Minister, branded the proposal as a prescription "to wipe out Israel."

Rosenberg named 1980 recipient of annual Ben Sadowski award

TORONTO —

Alvin B. Rosenberg, senior partner in the law firm of Rosenberg, Smith, Paton, Hyman & Matlow, has been named the 1980 recipient of the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

The award, established in 1961 by the United Jewish Welfare Fund, is presented annually to an outstanding leader in Toronto's Jewish community. Announcement of the Rosenberg citation came last week from Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, chairman of the awards committee. The presentation will be made at the annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress on March 29 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.



Alvin Rosenberg

Rosenberg was born and educated in Toronto. His parents are Esther and the late Henry Samuel Rosenberg, who was a prominent figure in Toronto's Jewish community.

When informed that he had been named the 1980 recipient of the Toronto Jewish community's most prestigious award, Rosenberg said it held a special significance for him. "My father would have been so pleased," he remarked during an interview at his office. "He and Ben Sadowski were very close friends for many years. They had a long-standing personal as well as a business relationship."

He is obviously proud to follow in his father's footsteps with his ongoing commitment to Jewish communal activity. He is also proud of the fact that they are the only father-and-son combination who have the distinction of having their pictures on the walls of the Toronto Jewish Congress board room — Henry as a past president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and Alvin as a past campaign chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Alvin Rosenberg's initial involvement began during his student days at law school when he helped recruit young men for the Haganah after the outbreak of the 1948 War of Independence.

This was not a token gesture. He himself joined and was ready to leave for Israel when his wife Gloria discovered she was pregnant with their first child — there are now seven Rosenberg offsprings.

"I couldn't bring myself to leave," he recalled, "but deep down I've always had regrets about a missed opportunity to have had an active part in Israel's defence during that historic period."

Israel, he says, has continued to be a very important part of his life. He travels regularly to the Jewish state for both business and personal reasons. His sister, Naomi Freeman, has lived there for 30 years, with her husband and four children.

Seven years ago Rosenberg's interest was aroused by the possibilities of developing ancillary projects in energy, agriculture, mining, industry and tourism, all of which could materialize from the building of the Dead Sea Canal.

A graduate of Applied Science from the engineering faculty of the University of Toronto before entering law school, Rosenberg was approached by a group of Israeli scientists who asked for his assistance in promoting the scheme.

He is now chairman of the board of the Dead Sea Canal Corporation, a project "I would like to spend the rest of my life on," he says. "It could turn the arid Negev area into a Garden of Eden and a tourist mecca."

Locally, his involvement with UJA began in 1955 when he took on the chairmanship of the Professions division and was named Man of the Year in that campaign. In 1959 he led a study mission to Israel and in 1960 was the campaign chairman. Since then his UJA involvement has been ongoing in Major Gifts and Lawyers divisions.

At age 56, Rosenberg has garnered a long list of credits as testimony of his commitment to community service. He is chairman emeritus of Mount Sinai Hospital with which he has been associated for 25 years, and is chairman of the Mount Sinai Institute.

He is a director of Israel Bonds, Canadian Friends of Haifa University in Israel, Canadian Friends of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Haifa University of Israel. He is a former director of Boys Village, Toronto, and the Canadian Hepatic Foundation.

Among his hobbies he lists such diverse interests as non-legal writing, inventing, scuba diving, tennis and judo.

With all his community and outside interests, Alvin Rosenberg is husband, father of seven, grandfather of two and devoted nephew of Esther Goldstein who is also involved in Jewish communal affairs.

As to being a grandfather, he said: "Two isn't much of a residual from seven!"

He's 110!

Ben Sherman, who opened a hardware store in downtown Toronto in the 1920s, turned 110 years young at Mount Sinai Hospital, last week. His daughter says his longevity may be due to the schnapps he drinks every day before lunch and dinner. **[See story on page 11.]**

Avital's plea to world: save Anatoly Scharansky

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

With her voice breaking, Avital Scharansky, speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem, appealed to President Reagan, other world leaders and delegates to the Madrid conference to do all in their power to save her husband Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Natan Scharansky.

He is now believed to be in the internal prison of the camp in which he is being held, serving a six month sentence in the harshest possible conditions.

The press conference, in conjunction with demonstrations in the U.S., Canada and Europe on Scharansky's behalf, was held to scotch rumors of his imminent release as the result of a trade-off between the USSR and South Africa.

The opposite seems to be the case: Scharansky's condition together with that of other Jewish activists is reported to be worsening rapidly.

Also at the press conference were losif Mendelevich and his former cellmate Hillel Butman who reached Israel two years ago. With Mendelevich's help, Mrs. Scharansky was able to decode the hints in her husband's last letter written in early February and transmitted to her recently by phone by his mother Ida Milgrom, from Moscow.

Avital Scharansky

It seems clear that the Russian authorities have embarked on a policy aimed at breaking Scharansky's spirit. He has been placed in successive two-week periods of solitary confinement and is now in the camp's internal prison. Judging from previous cases, he is highly likely to be transferred to a prison where the regime is even harsher.

Mendelevich spoke movingly of his first snatched meeting with Scharansky — a meeting broken up by guards — during an exercise period in winter, 1979. Subsequently he and Butman managed to maintain contact with Scharansky by speaking (in Hebrew) through interconnecting toilet plumbing.

The cause of Scharansky's first sentence to solitary confinement was his refusal to work in a target practice area where he could easily have been killed.

When news came of Scharansky's father's death, Mendelevich, whose father had also died while he was imprisoned, was desperate to help Scharansky in his sorrow. He copied out the Kaddish, screwed the paper into a ball and managed to throw it to Scharansky during an exercise period.

With Mrs. Scharansky often in tears, hanging on his every word, Mendelevich painted a horrifying picture of conditions in solitary confinement: sleeping on bare boards with no converings in temperatures which fall to minus 50 degrees Centigrade. The meagre diet consists of 450 grams of bread, some cereal, weak soup and herring.

All Scharansky's visits have been cancelled for 1981 and the number of letters he receives or can send, drastically reduced.

His rapidly deteriorating eyesight and general health give further cause for alarm.

Said Butman: "The Russians have played this game before: waiting until the end of a prisoner's term and encouraging speculation on his release by deliberate leaks."

World News

Unpredictable Warschauer was a passionate educator

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Reader's Digest used to have a series of articles entitled "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met." There are many people in Toronto and for that matter in Canada who would list the late Heinz Warschauer as fitting that niche in their lives. To me he was not only unforgettable, he was also inspiration, support and best of all, friend. He is gone now after a long bout with cancer, but his influence is very much alive.

Rabbi Plaut

Some 800 people attended his funeral, amongst them scores of Canada's intellectual and artistic elite, professors and painters, journalists and poets, judges and a host of other professionals and business people — a cross section of that significant sector of our community to whom he was someone special.

He himself was neither professor nor politician; he held no public office and was in fact retired from the position he had held for 35 years, that of director of religious education at Holy Blossom Temple. Most people have a stereotype image of the melamed: one who drills children in Hebrew and davvening, tells pleasant biblical stories or propounds specific religious doctrine and would otherwise be classified as a harmless "nice guy."

Heinz Warschauer was none of these and he most certainly was not Mr. Nice Guy. Quite the contrary. He was an irascible bachelor and passionate Jewish educator and was often totally unpredictable. One of the oft-repeated stories about him tells of a birthday party in his honor for which he never showed up.

Rather than teach unquestioning faith, he taught its approaches and pathways and considered doubt the handmaiden of truth. To him, the searching doubter was a more secure believer than the one whose faith had never undergone critical assessment.

He questioned and he taught his students and teachers to question. He considered social commitment and action an ineluctable part of the religious quest. He believed in standards — and once the curriculum was set he demanded of his students that they achieve its goals.

From the smallest grade on, his religious school was organized like a community of scholars. "If you did not want our standards," he would say, "there are other places where you can get some form of religious training. Ours aims to create mature, intelligent and literate persons."

No wonder that out of his school would emerge future teachers, rabbis, and academicians. Chief Justice (then Prof.) Bora Laskin was one of those closely associated with him.

He was a master teacher. For him there were no children that mattered, there was only the child. Teachers en masse didn't count, but the individual teacher did. He was a historian at heart: the knowledge of one's roots was essential to him and he loved to teach history.

He was a brilliant analyst and wielded a facile pen. Early in his career he had edited Magazine Digest.

Above all he was an intellectual. The word emerged in the 1860s in Russia to designate that section of the educated youth who were critically thinking personalities. Later it came to mean those who questioned all traditional values in the name of reason and progress, and only thereafter did it assume the meaning which it has today: to describe those who are the culture bearers of society, the defenders of humanistic values. Heinz [as he was known to young and old] belonged to the clerisy, that group from which the poets, philosphers and scholars of a nation are drawn. He was one of our clerisy's most noble representative.

We both came from the same environment in Germany. We both studied for a little while at the Jewish Rabbinical Seminary. Subsequently, I went to the United States and he to England where he was interned and then sent with that famous transport of which Eric Koch has written to Canada, and here joined that panoply of future Canadians — men like Emil Fackenheim, Walter Homburger — who contributed greatly to the culture of this land.

But that was still far off in the early 1940s when in Germany he was interned because he was a Jew and in England because he was a German. The double tension deeply affected his later outlook on life and made him doubly committed to the exploration of his identity and the firming up of the commitment to which he gave his best years.

In his last days, when his mind was no longer clear, his imagination took him back into the clutches of the persecutors. Screaming in pain, he begged for the chance to be free. Such were the nightmares of one who was freer in spirit than most of his contemporaries.

The thousands who not only respected him but considered him their spiritual mentor bear vivid testimony to the possibility of teaching as one of the great professions. Heinz Warschauer had no children of his own, yet he did have the devotion of scores of friends and disciples who treated him with a kind of love that the best children give to their parents. Always there was someone with him, and night watches reassured him that he was never alone.

He was and is for many that truly unforgettable man.

Syria, Jordan disagree on Iran-Iraq war

Relations remain at low point

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Syria and Jordan, both of which share a frontier with Israel, are engaged in a cold war which has been at least a year in the making.

Observers don't believe a hot war is necessarily inevitable. Indeed, Damascus and Amman have begun to mend their mutual relations. Earlier this month, a Jordanian delegation visited Syria on a fence-mending mission.

Nevertheless, Syrian-Jordanian relations are at a low point, and no one in either capital is predicting a speedy resolution of the problem. In fact, given their differences, Syria and Jordan are bound to be eyeing each other nervously for months to come.

Sparring verbally, the combatants are embroiled in a whole host of issues, ranging from the Feb. 6 abduction in Beirut of a Jordanian diplomat, to the opposite views they've adopted vis-a-vis the Iran-Iraq war.

This bitter war of words erupted last summer, when Syria accused Jordan of providing aid and comfort to the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood, a fundamentalist group which seeks the overthrow of Hafez Assad, the Syrian president.

The Jordanians denied the charge, going as far as co-operating with Syrian intelligence in tracking down a number of individuals who live in Jordan, where the Moslem Brotherhood is legal.

For good measure, Jordan handed over several of the suspects to Syria, and they were summarily executed, much to Jordan's embarrassment. Syria's rush to judgment may explain why Jordan subsequently refused to deport to Syria two Syrian pilots who defected. The Jordanians returned their MIG fighters but drew the line at the pilots' deportation.

A few weeks later, Syria moved up 1,000 tanks and some 50,000 troops to the Jordanian frontier, in a bid to disrupt an Arab summit hosted by King Hussein and to serve notice on Jordan that its pro-Iraqi sympathies were not appreciated.

Within a couple of weeks, because of Saudi diplomacy, the border crisis cooled. But its roots remain intact.

Jordan and Syria have diametrically opposed views on the six-month-old war between Iran and Iraq, with King Hussein backing the latter and President Assad supporting the former.

The Hashemite monarch has come down on Iraq's side for several reasons: Unlike the Syrians, who have little oil, the Iraqis are loaded to the gills with petrodollars. Since 1978, the Iraqis have channeled hundreds of millions of dollars into Jordan's treasury.

As well, the Jordanians resent the Shi'ite revolution in Iran, which, they fear, could spread its contagion to predominantly Sunni Moslem regimes. King Hussein had a cordial relationship with the late shah of Iran and apparently he has not forgiven the mullahs in Teheran for having ousted him.

Finally, King Hussein, who has often suffered the pangs of isolation, does not wish to find himself outside the Arab nationalist mainstream, which is personified by Iraq in its struggle with Iran.

Syria, which is at odds with Iraq over other matters, deeply resents Jordan's position on the Iran-Iraq war. Until the early part of 1979, Syria and Jordan were well on their way to consolidating a previously announced "administrative" merger — a proposed union which unravelled as a result of acrimonious Syrian charges that Jordan was helping the Moslem Brotherhood.

In this atmosphere of mutual recriminations, the still-mysterious kidnapping of the Jordanian charge d'affairs in Beirut, Hisham Moheisen, came as another blow to Syrian-Jordanian relations.

Claiming responsibility for the abduction was a pro-Syrian group, the Eagles of Lebanon. The Eagles demanded the return to Syria of two pilots who had defected. The kidnappers promised to strike at other Jordanian embassies if their demands were not met.

In reaction, Jordan tightened internal security and increased surveillance of Syrians entering the country. Syria denied it was responsible for the abduction, which remains unsolved. But Jordan's state-controlled radio retorted: "The crime committed by the Syrian regime against the Jordanian embassy to Lebanon showed beyond all doubt that the sectarian Syria regime has chosen to develop terrorism inside and outside Syria."

The Jordanians view alleged Syrian subversion with the utmost seriousness, vehement Syrian denials notwithstanding. Jordan's prime minister, Mudar Badran — the object of a recently uncovered Syrian assassination plot — is reportedly convinced that Syria is bent on a campaign of sabotage against his nation. "There is widespread unease," he told The Christian Science Monitor.

Meanwhile, The Washington Post reported Jordan's crown prince Hassan as saying, "The situation is really as serious as the Syrians want to make it."

The Syrians, though, are just as indignant.

They pointedly say that Badran sympathizes with the Moslem Brotherhood. And Tishrin, the official organ of Syria's ruling Ba'ath Party, describes the abduction of Hisham Moheisen as "a pretext for waging a campaign of lies against Syria."

Ahmad Iskander, Syria's information minister, says that his country will press ahead with plans to "punish" Jordanian leaders who, he asserts, instigated large-scale riots in Syrian cities last year.

Iskander and senior Syrian officials are incensed by what they call Jordan's "propaganda campaign" against Syria. Petra, the Jordanian news agency, reported recently that 200 Moslem Brothers had been killed in Aleppo during a Syrian search-and-destroy mission. The Syrians deny the veracity of the story, and add that it is part of a joint Jordanian-U.S. plot to destabilize Syria.

Exacerbating the tension is Syria's assumption, proven false so far, that Jordan intends to join the Camp David peace process. Syria threatens to use force against Jordan if its leaders go that diplomatic route.

In spite of all the rhetoric spewed forth from Amman and Damascus, Syria and Jordan maintain political and trade relations. But if the accusations they've hurled at each other are substantiated by hard, irrefutable facts, the situation could change drastically.

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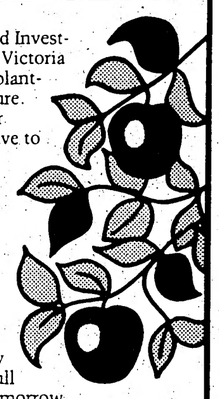

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Teacher Winston Pickett sees the class at largely black Woodward High School as a bridge between Blacks and Jews. That's why he began teaching it two years ago.

"In 1979, I felt the polarization from the Andy Young affair," explained Pickett, a doctoral student at Hebrew Union College here. Young resigned as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations after an unauthorized meeting with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization. His resignation infuriated Black leaders who thought Young had become a scapegoat in a government policy change regarding Israel. Some Jews were angered by what they thought was the government's betrayal of Israel.

The incident prompted Pickett to take over the class in Hebrew.

"It was my first experience teaching," he said. "When I began to feel more self-confident, I began to think about what the role of the program could be at Woodward."

Pickett said he felt awkward bringing a semitic language to Black students, who were still trying to come to terms with their own culture. Then he met a Kentucky professor of semitic languages.

That professor, who was Black, said that his interest in languages had helped him put into perspective his experience as an inner-city child.

That's when I got religion," Pickett said. "I promoted the program."

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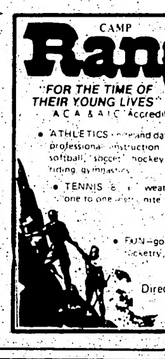

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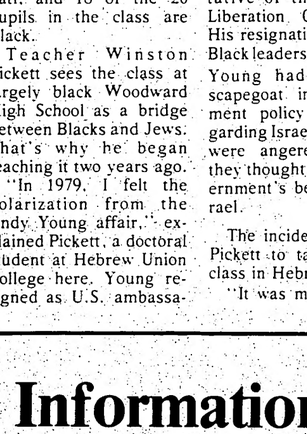

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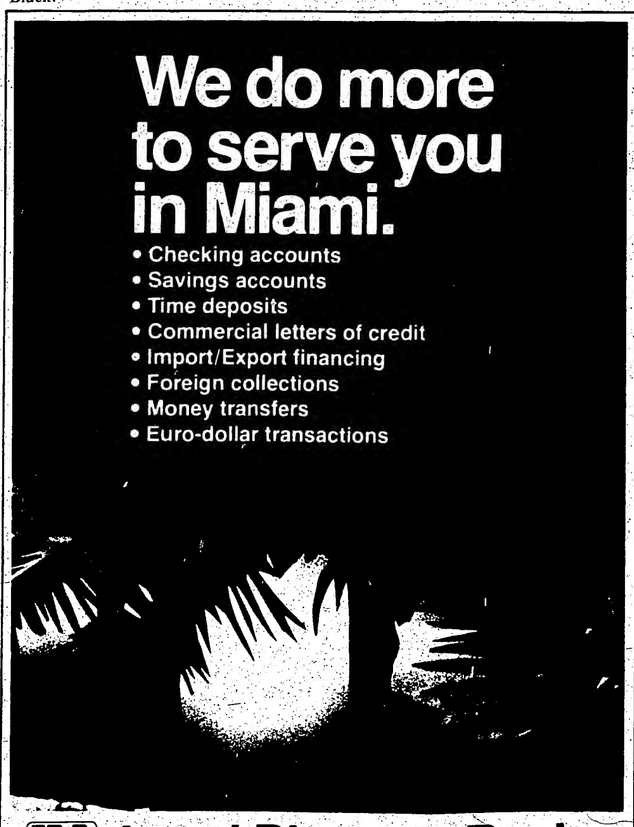

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Living Jewish

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: With Purim being on a Friday, when does one have the Purim seudah?

Normally, when Purim occurs on another day of the week, the seudah commences well before the sunset and continues on into the evening. But such a program is impossible on a Friday, as we are called upon to celebrate the arrival of the Sabbath with a festive meal of its own.

Rabbi Moses Burak

Indeed, so important is the Friday night meal, that one is not permitted to have a festive meal in the afternoon as it is bound to jade the appetite.

The Talmud, in Tractate Pesachim 99 B, tells us that "a man must not eat on the eve of the Sabbath or festivals from the ninth hour onwards, in order that he may enter the Sabbath with an appetite."

Which hour is the ninth?

That depends on the amount of daylight. In Judaism, the daylight hours are divided into 12, and so are the night hours. If you have 720 minutes of daylight on that Friday, then an hour is 60 minutes. But, if you have only 600 minutes of daylight, then divide that by 12, and discover that those hours have only 50 minutes each.

The Code is not so sure that one may not eat on the eve of the festivals from the ninth hour onwards. With regards to the eve of Succoth, it is stricter, and we read in Orach Chaim, Chapter 639:3, "And he shall not eat that day from noon and onwards, so that he shall eat in the succah, with an appetite."

On the other hand, when speaking of erev Pesach, the same code tells us, in Chapter 471:1 that from the 10th hour and onwards one may not eat a meal "so that he shall eat the matzo with an appetite."

Having seen the multiplicity of the hours, you can understand the problem.

What do we do on Purim day when it's also Friday, the eve of the holy Sabbath? Which hour shall be the cut off period, the midday hour, the ninth hour, or the 10th hour?

The Code Orach Chaim, Chapter 695:2 makes clear that "when Purim comes on the sixth day of the week, let them make the seudah in the **morning**, because of the need to honor the Sabbath." Then the code adds that whoever wants to adopt this practice of having the Purim seudah in the morning on all other years, may do so despite the prevailing custom of making it generally late in the afternoon.

The reason for having it in the morning on Friday is quite plain. If a little meal will interfere with the enjoyment of the Sabbath, how much more so would a Purim dinner, with all its gourmet delight and copious libations interfere with one's ability to enjoy the Friday night meal.

The sages of the Talmud, and those who codified Jewish law, had a low opinion concerning our ability to enjoy an abundance of food and drink. I wonder if they were here, today, whether they would change their opinions on this score. In their days, there were men who had to fast on Friday, or they wouldn't be able to enjoy the Sabbath dinner. There was Rabbi Akivah whose head ached all week long from the little wine he had at kiddush and havdalah.

But, today, we are much improved in this department. We have cetainly progressed since those days. Rabbi Akivah would marvel at the ability of some men to have four cups, not on Passover night, but on every night of the week. For them, the ancient question, "Why is this night different . . . ?" means that on all other nights they enjoy more than four cups, but on this night they have been restricted to just four cups.

Were the sages of the Talmud here, they would see how men who have enjoyed a full wedding dinner, rise when the sweet table arrives, and demonstrate their complete capacity for more delights.

But, since they are not here to make this judgment, you will obey them. Try having some roast duck for breakfast on Purim day, and you may conclude that the Talmudic sages knew everything. Surely that's much better than three ounces of cereal for breakfast or lunch.

The release of Mendelevich

Not sure if it is a positive trend

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The Soviet Union may have permitted Iosif Mendelevich to emigrate to Israel and it may have recently increased slightly the number of exit permits for its Jewish citizens, but Ambassador Max M. Kampelman, chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, is still not very confident that this represents a new, more positive trend.

Kampelman, during an interview in his Washington office just before another return flight to the Helsinki Review talks in Madrid, agreed with a recent assessment made by the U.S. embassy in Moscow that the Soviets probably could not be expected to dramatically liberalize their emigration policies for Jews and other dissidents.

"I am personally skeptical," Kampelman said. Referring to the January increase in emigration, he added: "I don't consider it to be very significant."

If anyone in the U.S. government has a good understanding of Soviet behavior in this area, it is Kampelman, the high-powered and universally-respected Washington lawyer who was asked by President Reagan and Secretary of State Haig to remain on the job in Madrid even though he had originally been appointed by President Carter.

Indeed, Kampelman's standing actually has been elevated by Reagan and Haig. Carter had named Kampelman, the former legislative assistant to the late Senator Hubert Humphrey, to be the co-chairman of the U.S. delegation together with former Attorney-General Griffen Bell. The Reagan administration did not ask Bell to stay on the job.

Kampelman has good Democratic party credentials, but his overall world-view, especially as it relates to the Soviet Union, dovetails very nicely with the new Republican administration. He has been among the most active supporters of the Committee on the Present Danger, which favors increased U.S. defence spending in the face of Soviet arms buildups. He is also active in the Coalition for a Democratic Majority, whose other leaders include United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Washington state Senator Henry Jackson and New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

"Detente doesn't exist, but it remains our objective," Kampelman told me, echoing a common theme which has run through many of his carefully-drafted, hard-hitting speeches before the delegations of the 35 countries attending the Madrid meetings. The delegations are reviewing the provisions of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. Former UN Ambassador Arthur Goldberg headed the U.S. delegation to the first review session in Belgrade in 1977.

[Carol Gootter photo]

Iosif Mendelevich [right] with sister Rivka Drory and her son Ronny, at Drory home in Gush Etzion.

Kampelman credits Goldberg with paving the way for the aggressive and unified stance taken in Madrid by the U.S. and its allies. "We are completely united," he said. "Our stance is extremely harmonious."

In Belgrade four years ago, Goldberg was consistently at odds with various Western delegations, especially France, which often seemed more concerned about upsetting Moscow than complaining about the kremlin's violations of the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

"Today," Kampelman said, "there's a difference between day and night."

He pointed out that Goldberg's decision to "name names" of specific cases in the Soviet Union had irritated several of America's more cautious West European allies. During the Belgrade meetings, Goldberg went ahead and cited six specific names of Soviet dissidents seeking permission to emigrate.

As of early March, Kampelman and the U.S. delegation here pointed attention to nearly 90 names during the course of their speeches before the plenary meetings. Clearly, the Soviets attending the meetings have been embarrassed by such behavior.

But what's of even more concern to Moscow is the fact that 10 other delegations also have cited names. "There's no furor," Kampelman said. "The other Western states are following our lead."

William Korey, B'nai B'rith's well-known international research director, wrote in The New Leader Magazine last month that "the West has been scoring heavily thanks to the skillful performance of Max Kampelman . . .

"The Russians were understandably irritated by Kampelman's vigorous performance," Korey said. "From the very start of the preparatory meetings, he displayed extraordinary talents as he tactfully negotiated the harmonious actions of the NATO powers."

Kampelman, who used to write speeches for Humphrey, has used the Madrid forum to blast the Soviets. On Nov. 17, for example, he issued one of the most ringing denunciations of Soviet behavior by any U.S. official in recent years. In calling attention to the arrest by Soviet authorities of Dr. Viktor Brailovsky, a Jewish scientist and editor, Kampelman declared that the Soviets had acted "in brazen disregard of its commitments" to the Helsinki Final Act, which called for "freer movement of peoples and ideas."

Brailovsky had been arrested in Moscow two days after announcing that a 3-day fast would take place by scores of Jews who were refused permission to emigrate — a demonstration linked to the opening of the Madrid meetings.

"For the past eight years, Dr. Brailovsky has been denied an exit visa," Kampelman said. "Since that visa application. Brailovsky's son, Leonid, who is now 19 years old, has been forced to leave school and has been banned from any university. Viktor Brailovsky himself has not been allowed to pursue his teaching career. His arrest makes him the twelfth Jew currently in prison in the Soviet Union for attempting to emigrate. All 12 of those cases are in direct violation of the Final Act."

For Kampelman, the sessions in Madrid have proven to be a success. The Soviets, especially following their invasion of Afghanistan, have been put on the defensive. Kampelman believes that his efforts, especially behind the scenes, have been productive in assisting individual cases in the Soviet Union as well as in several of the other Eastern block nations.

He said, for instance, that he had passed along a list of over 1,000 names of various individuals wishing to leave one specific Eastern state which Kampelman did not want to identify. Within one week, he said, 600 of the people had received permission to emigrate. "Today, all of them are out."

Such behind-the-scenes diplomacy is particularly gratifying to someone like Kampelman.

Kennedy to be JNF's speaker

NEW YORK —

Senator Edward Kennedy will be the featured guest speaker at the Jewish National Fund's 80th anniversary national assembly, to be held at Grossinger's, near Liberty, N.Y.

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, executive vice-president of JNF, said Kennedy is scheduled to address the assembly at 4 p.m. on March 30.

In announcing Kennedy's appearance at the 3-day gathering, Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the JNF, said the Massachusetts Democrat is expected to make a major statement on the current domestic and international situation.

"As a distinguished senator and leader of the congressional opposition, as well as a long-time friend of Israel and the Jewish people," Rabbi Berkowitz said, "Senator Kennedy's appearance at our national assembly will add a significant dimension to the proceedings and deliberations outlining the major tasks of the JNF in the years ahead."

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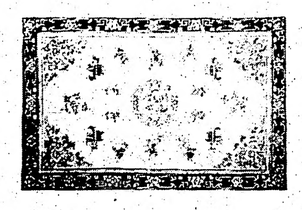

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Fresh Polish anti-semitism fouls winds of democracy

The Jewish question pervades Poland even today, 13 years after the infamous anti-Zionist (read anti-semitic) campaign which led to the emigration of most Polish Jews.

On the eve of the Six Day War, Poland was home to some 30,000 Jews, many of whom believed in the ideal of a Marxist society. Remorselessly, they were purged from positions of influence — and from lowly jobs as well — in a government-inspired drive which revealed the darker side of Polish nationalism.

The anti-semites who directed the purges claimed they were acting against Zionists. But anyone possessing the scantiest knowledge about the Jews of Poland knew that this claim smacked of deceit and sophistry. Still, the Jew-haters won the day. Men and women who had bled for Polish independence were forced out of the country, leaving behind a remnant of approximately 6,000 Jews, the majority of them rather geriatric.

Now, with the memory of those callous purges still fresh, comes word from Warsaw that enough is not enough. In recent days, The New York Times reports, anti-semitic leaflets and posters have appeared in the capital, calling upon patriotic Poles to rise up against "Jewish chauvinists" attempting to "usurp power" through Solidarity, the union which has become something of an institution in Poland.

Last week, in a scene perhaps reminiscent of 1967 or 1968, speakers at a nationalist rally in Warsaw announced the formation of Grunwald, a group which seeks to ensure that Solidarity remain exclusively in Polish hands. They alluded that the Self-Defence Committee [KOR], an adjunct of Solidarity, was a Zionist, anti-Polish movement because some of its members happened to be Jewish.

The malcontents singled out Adam Michnik, a key KOR leader, who, they charged, was related to a judge who had sentenced to death Poles during the Stalinist period. The issue in their minds, so we understand, was not the Stalinist, but rather the Jewish component of his profile. Michnik, his relative, was spotlighted for special attention simply because he was of Jewish origin.

Not all Poles, however, subscribe to Grunwald's racist theories. To be fair about it, Poles of decency and integrity still abound, judging by the counter demonstration staged by dissidents, students and workers to commemorate the 1968 upheavals.

These riots, which symbolized the yearning of Poles for Western forms of democracy, were used by the government of the day to crush incipient manifestations of liberalism. As part of the crackdown, Jews were dismissed from their jobs and shoved out of Poland.

Those were terrible times for the Jewish victims — who had pledged allegiance to no land but Poland — and for their non-Jewish friends and sympathizers. The latter have not forgotten those days of sorrows. Late last year, a number of these Poles, mainly intellectuals, called upon the government to examine the question of anti-semitism in Poland. The official silence that has surrounded the events of 1967 and 1968, they wrote in an open letter, does not belong to the past but "remains a problem alive in moral terms."

They added: "Jewish problems are under a kind of taboo here, not a complete one, but sufficiently strong so that Jewish themes are often removed from handbooks, tourist guides and other publications with wide distribution."

The Polish government, we feel, should act on their ruminations. If it fails to do so, consigning 1967 and 1968 to the ashcan of history, aspersions will continue to be heaped on Poland, and rightly so.

And more: if the authorities in Warsaw are sincere about making amends for the past, they should put an end to the careers of Poles, in and out of government, who persist in staining the honor of Jews, any Jews and all Jews.

The winds of democracy are sweeping Poland. Notions we in the West accept without question — free unions, freedom of assembly — are taking root in Poland. It would be gratifying if the forces representing progress and decency were to triumph. And it would be just as gratifying if those very forces, represented in the main by Solidarity, denounced the new anti-semitism which has surfaced recently.

Zionism helped the yishuv triumph; its revitalization is challenge now

By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

One of the most important, and certainly the most exciting, facets of human existence is **creativity**, which, in M. Halpern's words, is at maximum "the ability to woo new combinations into being."

If Jews traditionally have left such a profound mark on the evolution of Western civilization, this must have been due not only to their dogged defence of the idea of the radical ethics of monotheism, but also to their immense intellectual creative capacity in practically all fields of life.

Jews have excelled in the arts and sciences, in philosophy and literature, in music and chess — in everything where the fertile productivity of an imaginative mind was allowed to function. The results are obvious: where would civilization be without Moses, Maimonides, Spinoza, Marx, Freud, Einstein and Kafka, to mention only a fraction of those that come to mind.

Yet, the rigid constraints of centuries of living in the Diaspora meant that in practice the creative genius of Jews has contributed mostly to the Gentiles, within the framework of a universal civilization. In and of itself, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with that. Jews are human beings, and an enriched human culture is obviously as benefical to them as it is to others.

Yet, as the Fathers put, "If I am not for myself, who is for me?" Jews were denied political sovereignty, and thus were not allowed to utilize their genius to the resolution of political problems of their community. They were only allowed to adapt; however, adaptation is only coming to terms with an existing reality, whereas creativity is generating a new reality.

The Zionist revolution was intended to change all this. Two recently published books (both by Oxford University Press) by two Israeli scholars (David Vital, "The Origins of Zionism" and D. V. Serge, "A Crisis of Identity: Israel and Zionism") thoughtfully and comprehensively survey and analyze the evolution of creative thinking and activity in the early annals of Zionism, which introduced a revolutionary discontinuity into Jewish history.

Yet a thorough reading of Serge's book, which brings the analysis to the late 1970s, clearly indicates what should already be obvious to sensitive observers of the Israeli scene today: the Jewish genius has not generated as much creativity in Israel recently as one would expect from a superficial look at Jewish history.

Although historically speaking politics (that is, sovereign Jewish politics) inevitably became one of the weakest fields of Jewish thought, the Zionist revolution unleashed a tremendous amount of creative energy in putting together an organization, developing a set of lively, competing ideologies, generating radically new communities of life such as the kibbutz and the moshav, organizing an underground army, creating innovative forms of association for women, youth and labor.

In fact, it may be no exaggeration to state that it was this factor — the creative combination of ideology, political association and social organization — that made the Jewish community under the Mandate (the Yishuv) such a potent of force, particularly in the face of a massive, but rather lethargic and unimaginative, Arab onslaught. Creativity, initiative and ingenuity yet again enabled the Jews to survive against great odds and under harsh circumstances.

This pattern persisted with the creation of the State of Istael. The new forms of organization proved themselves to be thoroughly practical and efficient in winning the War of Independence, in quickly building a state apparatus, in absorbing mass immigration, in developing an industrial infrastructure, in establishing an agricultural system that literally made the desert bloom.

Above all, perhaps, all this was manifest in the Israeli army, where any number of unique structures, such as the Nahal — combining military training and agriculture, the Gadna — youth corps and the women's corps, became widely admired and imitated all around the Third World, which, however, never had any great love for Israel.

It is difficult to pinpoint exactly a turning point in this pattern. Human affairs don't always proceed in a neatly discernible sequence. Still, numerous sophisticated and knowledgeable obeservers comment that Israel of the 1970s somehow looked entirely "different." It appeared to have settled into a routine all too comfortably. Old cliches and platitudes of ideology were repeated ad infinitum, although the Israeli public itself judged them to be increasingly irrelevant.

Not a single new political party has appeared in an enduring form since the establishment of the state.

Routine and somewhat sloppy strategic thinking contributed mightily to the fiasco of the early days of October 1973; this was turned around because of the pluck and ingenuity of the individual soldiers and the brilliance of certain commanders, but not because of the quality of the top leadership.

Israel increasingly allowed itself to be put on the defensive in the propaganda battle with the Arabs, falling back on increasingly repetitive and unimaginative arguments.

The deterioration of the Israeli economy, worsening industrial relations and triple-digit inflation were all handled in a routine manner, which was characterized by two things: (a) it didn't work and (b) it was unimaginative, tackling extraordianry challenges and problems with all too ordinary means and ideas.

The result has been an obvious loss of self-confidence in the face of increasing social disorder.

It is not easy to diagnose the cause of this apparent loss of imagination and creativity. Israel universities are still maintaining very high scientific standards; Israeli science, medicine, law and technology are quite advanced. The Israeli army and the agricultural system have remained real islands of excellence in an ocean of mediocrity.

Somehow, though, the impact of this just did not filter through to the crucial arenas of diplomacy, politics, society and the economy. Even in traditional spheres of Jewish learning, the great institutions in North America have often shown themselves to be more innovative than their Israeli counterparts, notwithstanding the unquestionable excellence of the latter. This, needless to say, completely reverses the desired state affairs, envisaged in the Zionist dream.

It is almost as Israel, a young state, were enduring the pain of adolescence. Much like a complex teen-ager, it lost the innocence of the dream of childhood, and has not yet attained the stable, disciplined creativity of mature adulthood. Thus, the 1970s were not a very good decade from this point of view. The Jewish genius was just not sufficiently in evidence in the Jewish state.

Israel would not have been established, would not have endured and prospered without the titanic creative mind embodied in the Zionist movement. In fact, the Jewish people would not have survived long enough to enable Zionsim to be born without their immense, creative nervous energy (as Noble-Prize winning writer Isaac Bashevis Singer put it: "The Jews are a people unable to sleep who won't let others sleep either"). The Jews cannot now fall into "dogmatic slumber," because they will not survive long enough to enjoy it.

The first challenge of the 1980s will be to revitalize the Zionist movement by replacing the routine of the 1970s with a vigorous, creative, innovative and imaginative approach to the ideological and practical challenges of the era. The complaceny of the last decade simply will not do. The Zionist revolution and routine, uncreative thinking are mutually exclusive; they are an existential contradiction in terms.

To publish 32nd volume, finishing vast undertaking

By CARL ALPERT

In the midst of the political and economic problems which today plague Israel it is good to pause and take note of an ambitious, indeed a mammoth enterprise, which after difficulties and delays has now at last been brought to successful conclusion. It is impossible to exaggerate the significance of this undertaking — the completion of the 32nd and last volume of the stupendous Encyclopedia Hebraica.

This is not a Jewish encyclopedia. It is printed in Hebrew, but it is a universal work, covering the entire breadth of man's knowledge and history. It might be termed the Hebrew equivalent of the Encyclopedia Britannica, but there are some zealots here who feel that on several scores it is superior even to that illustrious work.

The Hebraica has had the collaboration of 1,200 scientists, research workers and experts, among them 40 Nobel Prize winners and many of the great names of our times.

Its 16,000 pages cover some 30,000 different subjects, each article written with the highest possible standards.

Because it is published in Hebrew it should not be seen as an Israeli contribution to the world of learning, though hundreds of its original articles could well be translated. To the contrary, it is intended to bring the whole range of human knowledge within reach of every student, and into every home and library in Israel. By its availability, it broadens Israel's horizons and raises the cultural and scientific standards of the nation.

The production of the 32 volumes took almost as many years, and the road was a difficult one. The first volume was edited in a Jerusalem under siege and was printed in Tel Aviv in 1949. Despite these initial difficulties it was an amazing technological achievement, and it is worth noting that the aesthetic standards and format established 32 years ago have been maintained consistently.

One of the miracles of the production is that it was able to survive not only enormous economic hazards, but also an initial miscalculation of fantastic proportions. The original editors believed that the entire encyclopedia, from first to last letter, could be contained in 16 volumes, and subscriptions were sold on that basis. It was not until they were well into the subject that they discovered that with their self-imposed high standards they would not be able to produce the work in less than 32 volumes. The publishers went back to the original subscribers, who had been receiving the occasional volumes as they came off the press, and asked that they more than double the subscription fees accordingly.

A howl went up. Angry subscribers banded together to protest what some thought was a deliberate swindle, and court suits were filed. The publishers survived the ordeal and the volumes continued to appear, but with such delays that for a while the project was known as the Unfinished Encyclopedia.

The Hebraica has 75,000 paid-up subscribers, though thousands more who had initially signed up and received some of the first volumes, did not continue. Perhaps now that the project has been finished they may wish to complete their sets.

Though comprehensive in scope, the Hebraica does give special attention to subjects of interest to Jews and Israel, this without distortion of the secular and scientific subjects. It should not be confused with the 16-volume Encyclopedia Judaica, in English, which appeared in 1972, and covers the world of Jewish knowledge and scholarship only.

The Hebraica is a production of the Masada Publishing Co., founded and still headed by the Peli family of Israel. The encyclopedia itself had a succession of five chief editors: Dr. Yehuda Even-Shmuel, Prof. Yosef Klausner, Prof. Ben-Zion Netanyahu (the father of Yonatan), Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz and Prof. Yehoshua Prawer.

The final volume covers the Hebrew letters Shin and Taf, and among the hundreds of subjects treated are on the one hand, Shanghai, Thoreau, Heredity, Budgets, Thomas Aquinas and Thermodynamics, and on the other, the Prophet Samuel, Spinoza, Psalms, Tel Aviv and Talmud.

This monumental work is perhaps the major single cultural creation of the State of Israel, and should be a source of pride to every Israeli.

Canadians seeking oil in Kiryat Gat

TEL AVIV [JTA] — A group of U.S. and Canadian investors is to spend between $3.5-$4 million on prospecting for oil in the Kiryat Gat region, according to Elazar Barak, director of the Israeli Hanna Oil Drilling Company which is to carry out the work.

The site has been chosen on the basis of satellite pictures backed up with seismological investigations on the ground.

The drillers plan to go down to some 14,500 feet, using drilling equipment and rigs to be moved from Ga'ash just north of Tel Aviv where promising signs of oil have been found. Test pumping at the Ga'ash site is to be started this week, to ascertain the presence of workable oil reserves.

What have honorees done for the community?

By J. B. SALSBERG

Please bear with me, my dear readers. I'm really not an angry person. Nor do I like to be critical — especially of others. And yet I have been more than critical of ourselves for the last several weeks.

Last week I displayed a great deal of displeasure with our tendency to jealously demand personal or group recognition for something good that we all had a hand in as a collective — as klal Yisrael.

Before that, I devoted two columns to the emergence of anti-semitism in many parts of the world and, every discerning reader could not but have missed my unhappiness not only with what the anti-semites were doing but, in equal measure, with what we ourselves have failed to do. . . .

And now I once again experience an inescapable urge to be critical of ourselves; critical of a trend that is gaining popularity. It is the questionable predilection to hand out highly publicized honors, awards, testimonials and scrolls of recognition to worthy individuals — especially to non-Jews. B'nai B'rith does it; synagogues do it; enterprising societies and associations of varied sorts do it; indeed, everybody that's anybody does it.

"So what's so wrong with such a tendency," you may ask, "that I should be unhappy with?" Let me explain the reasons for my annoyance.

At the outset, I wish to make it very clear that I have no objection and find little fault with the practice of honoring meritorious Jewish personalities who have given much of their time and talent to the betterment or advancement of Jewish causes here or abroad. I often join in the public expressions of recognition to such honorees.

It is, however, another matter when we search high and low for a non-Jew to be ostentatiously honored or awarded for meritorious accomplishments in areas of life that have no relation whatsoever with Jewish concerns or Jewish interests.

Agree with me or not, my friends, but there are occasions when I hear or read about dramatized honoring of some non-Jewish friend, I feel that the given event is more an expression of our insecurity than an opportunity to pay tribute to our neighbors. At such times (especially when the honorees are ephemeral politicians) I get the disturbing feeling that there is such a thing as "galut psychology," a phenomenon that was widely discussed a generation or two ago.

The event that triggered these thoughts was publicized most prominently in this paper a week ago. It was the granting of a Citizen Award to the former Canadian ambassador to Iran, Mr. Ken Taylor, by the Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and the Wingate Branch (Jewish membership) of the Royal Canadian Legion.

What's wrong? Nothing is really wrong. All of Canada, all of the U.S. and people of other countries are proud of what Mr. Taylor and the entire Canadian embassy staff did in Tehran to rescue members of the U.S. embassy staff.

Ken Taylor must be sick and tired of the honors, awards, citations, scrolls and testimonials that he has been showered with since that memorable act was performed. Must we also join the parade, even at this late hour? Does any sane person think that Jews are any less mindful or any less appreciative of what our Canadian embassy did on that occasion? Of course not.

Would it not have been more appropriate for the Toronto Jewish branches of the Legion and the War Veterans, to have honored Col. Lev Ovsishcher of Minsk, U.S.S.R. this year? In my view it would have been not only more appropriate but a far greater mitzvah and a far greater contribution to Jewish freedom, precisely because it would have been done by Jewish ex-combatants?

With all due respect to the two Jewish veterans organizations, I must say that it would have been more fitting and more helpful to have honored Col. Ovsishcher as the man of the year.

Who is Ovsishcher? He is the much decorated Jewish officer of the Soviet army who has also been honored with the highest award of that country, "Hero of the Soviet Union," for his heroism in the war against the Hitlerite hordes.

Encountering the postwar anti-semitic manifestations in the USSR, he protested by formally returning all his decorations, all the honors, and all benefits to the Russian government and applied for a permission to go to Israel.

This happened eight years ago and Lev Ovsishcher is still waiting for permission to leave. He is still fighting for the right to leave, the right that is guaranteed by the United Nations and by the universal tenets of democracy. But the kremlin is still depriving this heroic Soviet Jew of his right to settle in the land that he now considers to be his country, by heritage and by choice — the country in which his married daughter now lives. The latest information tells us that Ovsishcher is "depressed and deeply unhappy."

What better choice for Jewish war veterans to give honor to? What better time than now to declare such a Jewish comrade-in-arms as the man of the year? And, would not such a well-advertised demonstration have been a singular contribution to the universal struggle for his right to leave the ungrateful country that keeps him against his will and that deprives him of the right and passionate desire to join his people in his ancestral home?

Ah, some may say, but he isn't here to be honored!

Precisely . . . because he is deprived of the opportunity to receive the well-earned honors that our veterans would desire to bestow upon him, he should have been formally invited to come. Such an invitation should have been extended for all the world to see and hear and all organized vets might have been mobilized to support the invitation and thus generate irresistible pressure on the Soviet authorities to let him go.

And if Moscow would not have relented, then a blowup picture of the heroic Jewish war veteran on the stage, here in Toronto, would have been a major contribution to the overall battle for the rights of Soviet Jews and it would have also been a proud page in the history of our two Jewish veterans' organizations.

So, zeit mir moychel, leaders of the two veterans' bodies. Nothing personal, I assure you. But I had to get it off my chest, as they say.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On March 19, 1940, Ze'ev Jabotinsky, leader of the New Zionist Organiation, told a mass rally in New York City that he was going to form a Jewish army once again. The consequences of the ensuing campaign were many.

- A full-scale movement on behalf of Jewish goals was launched, not seen before and barely equalled by the campaign to have the fledgling State of Israel recognized, in 1948.
- Activism and Jewish consciousness were injected into the largely assimilated U.S. community. These helped it tackle — but not overcome — the hostility of its own leadership to a Jewish army.
- The resolve of the yishuv-based leadership to itself press for a Jewish army was strengthened.
- The primacy of the U.S. as the major arena for Jewish public relations efforts was recognized.

Jabotinsky, with the support of Joseph Trumpeldor, had created the Jewish Legion in World War I.

Now, as World War II was well under way, a significant Jewish military unit to fight the Nazis was needed. Among the contributions envisaged were: the uplifting of morale in conquered Europe; the encouragement of increased resistance; and the fostering of more respectful treatment of the Jews.

Jabotinsky's call was quickly endorsed by Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the U.S. The prospect of tangible support for Britain, then in her darkest hour, temporarily overrode considerations of arming Jews who might later confront her rule in Palestine.

The concept was opposed from the start by the president of the American Jewish Congress, Rabbi Stephen Wise. With the aid of New York Congressman Sol Bloom, he convinced Lord Lothian to withdraw his support, calling it an "adventurous scheme" from which "responsible Zionist quarters dissociate themselves."

At a grass roots level, the movement gained momentum. The Committee for a Jewish Army was founded, supported by Jews and Gentiles alike.

The strongest opposition came from within Jewish leadership circles. At one rally for example, the former commander of the Jewish Legion, Col. John Patterson, denounced the kind of British anti-semitism in the Holy Land that the establishment of a Jewish army would overcome; he was booed by several Jewish dignitaries, who then walked out.

Hillel Kook, nephew of the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, led the army campaign. Under the name Peter Bergson, he formed a variety of committees to lobby in Washington, and pioneered techniques of mass exhortation, including full-page newspaper ads, demonstrations, pageants and rallies. The leadership minority was about to capitulate to popular feeling when David Ben-Gurion himself arrived on the scene and demanded that the matter be quashed. The prospect of a Jewish army created by his political opponents was untenable.

Bergson managed to enlist support within the U.S. war department; its undersecretary offered him a group of military experts to prepare a specific plan for a Jewish army. When he heard of this, Rabbi Wise, along with Bloom, made the rounds in Washington to ensure the offer was withdrawn once and for all.

Bergson's group was more successful in England. Supporters of the British Committee for a Jewish Army included 65 members of Parliament. Obvious Gentile support, combined with the increasing reports of Nazi atrocities, drew Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, into pressing the British.

In September, 1944, the Jewish Brigade was formed of 5,000 volunteers, mostly from the yishuv. It fought well, helped look after concentration camp victims, and organized an emigration network to Palestine. Its battle experience proved helpful when the Israel Defence Force was created several years later.

For Jabotinsky, it was a posthumous triumph. He had died of a heart attack in August, 1940.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Pioneering Yiddish scholar Solomon Birnbaum is completing a book on his other field of international reknown, Hebrew paleography.

Outstanding scholar, 89, publishes work on Yiddish

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Few on quiet Invermay St. are aware of the presence in their midst of a two-headed giant.

Solomon Brinbaum, 89, is **the** world authority on the Yiddish language. A distillation of his life's work in that field has just been published by the University of Toronto Press: "Yiddish, a Survey and a Grammar."

Now he is completing a similar treatment of his pioneer — and as yet unchallenged — expertise in the 3,500-year evolution of the Hebrew alphabet.

Birnbaum has been a pioneer in Yiddish grammar and linguistics since he taught himself the language as a teenager. His switch to Hebrew paleography some 20 years later was a development and not a break from Yiddish. As he wrote to Hugh Denman, a professor at Queen's University of Belfast: "The language and the script both deal with form, with shape. One is dealing with art, as it were."

Prof. Denman, a non-Jew, read a paper detailing Birnbaum's contribution to Yiddish linguistics at last November's YIVO (Institute of Yiddish Studies) conference.

Birnbaum was 16 when his famous father, Nathan Birnbaum, moved the family to Czernowitz. The elder Birnbaum had just broken with Theodore Herzl, after many years of support for him and Israel-centred Zionism. "Formal nationalism could not satisfy him intellectually and spiritually," his son explained. "Austria was a multi-national state then. His new goal was to form within it a culturally autonomous Jewish entity through political action."

World War I broke out several years afterwards. The Austrian empire was shattered into a group of smaller states, one hostile to the other. The ravages of inflation and depression exacerbated animosities. The prospect of a Jewish cultural entity vanished.

The younger Birnbaum, meanwhile, began teaching himself Yiddish and within several years, was attaining prominence as an authority in the field. In 1915, he wrote a grammar of Yiddish, which was recognized as the first real grammar of the language. He read the page proofs for the book while in the trenches at the front.

His system of orthography — use of dots — to eliminate all ambiguity in the pronunciation of Yiddish's three major dialects, was incorporated in the two largest Jewish education systems in inter-war Poland, those of Bais Yaakov and Agudas Yisroel.

After the war, Birnbaum pursued Oriental studies at the University of Wurzburg, winning his doctorate in 1921 with a study of the role of Hebrew and Aramaic elements in the Yiddish language. The bulk of it had been written in a military hospital in 1918, where Birnbaum was recovering from a war wound.

From 1922 to 1933, he taught Yiddish philology at the University of Hamburg, in Germany, the first time the study of Yiddish had been introduced into any university. During that time, he wrote various surveys on Yiddish for, among other publications, German learned journals and the Berlin Encyclopedia Judaica (1932).

Several of the papers, which sparked further research by other scholars as well as Birnbaum's own addenda, remain valuable references to this day.

In 1933, on Hitler's rise to power, Birnbaum moved to England.

Birnbaum's recently published Yiddish, a Survey and a Grammar examines the origin, history and grammar of the language, and explores its composition, phonological history, linguistic aspects, and the dialects that constitute it. It is regarded as his most significant publication on Yiddish since he left Germany.

Preceded by his fame, Birnbaum was invited to give a series of seminars on Yiddish at London University. With the help of his friend, Norman Jopson, a professor of comparative philology at Cambridge, Birnbaum was given an appointment in Yiddish at London University's School of Slavonic and East European Studies. At the same time, he was also granted a research lectureship there in Hebrew paleography.

He continued to hold both these teaching posts until his retirement in 1957.

Birnbaum's work sparked in him an intense interest in the ultimate vehicle of Yiddish and all its diverse components: the Hebrew alphabet. He threw himself into the study of its evolution, becoming in a few years a pioneer in Hebrew paleography. He developed a technique for dating Hebrew manuscripts with unprecedented accuracy.

Confirmed authenticity of Dead Sea Scrolls

Eliezer Birnbaum, his son, who himself is a professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto, told The Canadian Jewish News that previous dating methods involved estimates of plus or minus hundreds of years. With his father's methods, the approximation was reduced to a fraction of that span.

Said Eliezer Birnbaum: "My father never taught me his Hebrew dating methods personally. To learn them, I enrolled in his class, at London University.

"During one class — it was in 1947 — my father threw a bunch of photos down in front of us. They were of an unusual script. 'Now, boys, date this,' he said. They turned out to be advance rushes of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"All of us got within a century of the date accepted now. At that time, when the scrolls were brought to public attention, it seemed incredible."

The methods were instrumental in verifying the scrolls' authenticity.

Solomon Birnbaum's dating methods, based on the evolving styles of Hebrew script, were adopted as the ultimate arbiter for biblical and post-biblical documents. His paleographic studies were incorporated in a two-volume atlas-like publication, "The Hebrew Scripts."

Currently, Birnbaum continues to publish articles in learned journals, both on Yiddish and Hebrew paleography. At the same time, he maintains a voluminous correspondence with scholars from around the world, many of them his former students, most of them seeking his advice. "The postman knows there's someone special living in this house," said his son.

Eliezer Birnbaum lives half a block down the street from his father. A second son, David, who is a senior planner in the Ontario ministry of the environment, and his family, live with Solomon Birnbaum.

A third brother, Jacob, who lives in the U.S., is the national co-ordinator of the Centre for Russian Jewry. "In the 60s, he was the founder and co-ordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and has been instrumental in getting Jews out of Iron Curtain countries," said Eliezer Birnbaum.

Birnbaum, who came to Toronto upon his retirement to be with his sons, told The CJN that working here was "not bad, except the libraries here aren't quite as good as in London. There is only one British Museum, after all."

He has one minor disappointment. "Before I came, people told me that everyone here spoke Yiddish. This does not quite seem to be the case."

Chinese community assimilated by 19th century

Kaifeng Jews lavishly celebrated Purim

By DR. FRED WEINBERG

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In 1947 in London, England, the late Cecil Roth, professor of history at Oxford acquired from a private collection a very unusual illuminated Hebrew Scroll of Esther.

It was a most exciting find and created a great deal of interest because of its attribution to the "orphan colony" of Chinese Jews which flourished for generations in and around Kaifeng Fu and which assimilated and disappeared by the 19th century.

There are journalistic and photographic records from various visitors to Kaifeng — some as recent as 1933 — of Chinese Jews, men and women who by then were completely Chinese in appearance, language and culture.

The Kaifeng synagogue site was eventually purchased by a Canadian missionary group and the deed conveying the land to the mission contains the names of the heads of many of the Jewish clans going back to the year 1489.

In June of the year 1605, a Chinese from the city of Kaifeng in Honan province, called upon Pere Matteo Ricci at the headquarters of the Jesuit mission in Peking. To Ricci's amazement he found his visitor to be a Chinese Jew who had come to pay his respects because he had heard that Ricci was one of those westerners who worshipped one God like himself, yet was not a Mohammedan.

When the visitor, whose name was Ai T'ien, saw the image of the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus on one side and John the Baptist on the other, he thought they represented Rebeccah and her two sons Jacob and Esau. He bowed to them, though he stated he was not accustomed to the worship of images but wanted to show respect to the memory of the holy men of his faith.

Ai T'ien told Ricci that the Jewish community in Kaifeng included many families who observed Hebrew religious practices which centred on a synagogue containing scrolls of the Scriptures in Hebrew and presided over by teachers and rabbis.

Ricci was impressed by the differences in the facial characteristics of the visitor as compared with ordinary Chinese.

From that period down almost to the present day, visitors to China have made some interesting contacts with remnants of the now completely assimilated Chinese Jewish community.

In 1933, Dr. David Brown, a prominent U.S. Jew, visited Kaifeng and had as his interpreter the famed Bishop White of Toronto who was the first Anglican bishop of Honan province and who ministered in China for 40 years.

Bishop White had a lifelong interest in the Jews of Kaifeng, where he had made his mission headquarters. He published the definitive book on the Chinese Jews and brought back to Toronto on his retirement a number of artifacts such as the jade chime which was used to call the worshippers together, as well as many inscribed stone tablets from the Kaifeng synagogue. Some of these are on permanent loan from the Royal Ontario Museum to Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

The many prayer books and scrolls from the Jews of Kaifeng were acquired by the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

Dr. Brown met with representatives of five clans — Chao (Joshua), Ai (Ezra), Li (Levy), Shih (Samuel), and Chang (Kadmiel). To distinguish themselves from others, they called themselves TIAO-CHIN-CHIAO, which in English means "pluck-sinew-religion," referring to the manner in which their Orthodox Jewish ancestors prepared their kosher meats.

Chinese megillah features distinctive illustrations.

In the 1850s, when some Chinese coolies from Honan province were imported as cheap labor to California, it was noted that some of the Chinese were Sabbath observing.

The origin of the Jews of Kaifeng is thought to be India or Persia. They came to China in the 9th century at the invitation of an emperor of the Sung dynasty because China needed specialists in the manufacture, dyeing and pattern printing of cotton fabrics. The industry was then being developed in China to meet the periodic silk shortage.

Research has shown that the Jews of Kaifeng celebrated Purim with much pomp and circumstance. The Chinese megillah of Cecil Roth and now part of the Beth Tzedec Museum [Toronto] collection stems from the Kaifeng community of the mid 17th to late 18th centuries. The scribe was a Jew from one of the eastern Sephardic communities and the sponsor was likely a Chinese Jewish merchant. The decoration was entrusted to a local Chinese artist who might have been Jewish or Gentile.

Dr. Roth's analysis of the parchment indicates that this Scroll of Esther does not represent one manuscript but fragments of two which have been combined into one. Hence, he concludes, at one time at least two illuminated Chinese Megilloth were in existence.

The illustrations are interpreted throughout the handwritten columns of the text and consist of gold and famille rose colored flowers, leaves, designs and charming figures of Chinese men, women and playing children. Butterflies, clouds, dragonflies and the typical Buddhist lotus flower decorations are used.

In the middle of column 22, the traditional space is left beside the enumeration of the sons of Hamen. The decoration here consists of a full length figure in gold of a Chinese archer (executioner). As Roth points out, the drapery of his garment is expertly delineated with skilful brush strokes. At the bottom of the adjacent column a decorative fish is depicted in gold. (See illustration.)

It was quite usual for illuminated megillot to be commissioned because only in the mandatory synagogue reading was a pure, undecorated, unpunctuated scroll permitted. For private home use many Jewish and non-Jewish artists prepared decorated scrolls to beautify the mitzvah.

At the end of the Chinese megillah two musicians are shown. One is playing a flute and is wearing a blue robe with gold buttons. The other musician is wearing a blue-green robe. Both have hats with red tassels.

Purim as a national holiday demands three ceremonial objects: the megillah, the shalach manos or Purim plate and the grager or noisemaker. One can only imagine the exuberance of the playful children depicted in the Chinese megillah and their parents in their colorful exotic Chinese dress celebrating the joyous Purim festival in Kaifeng and hearing, the age-old story of Purim read from the scroll we now call the Chinese megillah.

Absence of Divine manifestation underscores subtlety of miracles

By RABBI MOSHE YERES

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The most interesting discovery one makes upon careful analysis of the biblical Book of Esther (Megillat Esther) is the total absence of G-d's name. In the entire story, indeed the entire book, the name of the Eternal is not mentioned.

Nor can one point to any supernatural occurrence or miracle in the unfolding drama of Hamen and Mordecai, Esther and Ahasueras that would disclose G-d's "outstretched arm."

Rather, Megillat Esther asks the reader to scrutinize the events that led to the demise of the wicked Hamen and the ascendance of the Jewish community in ancient Persia: Esther, the Jewish maiden, taken as the king's bride, all the while keeping her religion secret until the crucial moment at the garden party with the king and Hamen; the story of Mordecai's overhearing the plot against the king — inscribed into the king's Book of Records not to be discovered until Hamen enters that sleepless night to inform Ahasueras of the gallows that are prepared for Mordecai, and is forced, instead, to parade Mordecai through the city.

For one who is skeptical, these and many other events in the megillah seem at most to be series of coincidences. But a closer analysis by the believing Jew reveals that the pieces of the puzzle have all fallen into place by the end of the story. Indeed, like the jagged pieces of the jigsaw, each facet of the Purim story was carved out from a pre-existent picture. Nothing occurred that should not have and vice versa.

Hashem played an intrinsic role in the miracle of Purim. However, rather than "splitting the Red Sea" or conjuring up some other awe-inspiring event to save the Jews of ancient Persia, G-d chose to work behind the scenes, seeing to it that everything ran smoothly.

Can we point to a specific heaven-sent miracle in the Book of Esther? No. But Mordecai and Esther survived because G-d caused them to be successful. This is why the name of G-d is not found in the megillah — for the actions of G-d were not obvious and lucid in their usual biblical manner.

Nonetheless, it was G-d who caused each event to take place in its appropriate time. G-d caused the holiday of Purim to be created.

In much the same manner, G-d does not manifest himself to our generation in earth-shattering revelations. But G-d **is** everywhere. It is up to us to find him — from the smallest things in life to situations where the fate of countries stand in the balance.

In each of our lives, G-d is working behind the scenes.

It should be clear to all of us that the founding, existence, and continuous development of the tiny State of Israel is in reality a miracle of its own. Has G-d appeared and defeated all the Arab armies by a supernatural purge or plague? No, but to the right of every Israeli soldier stands G-d watching over all of us.

Handsome profit for those holding stocks since last year

Israel exchange rewards investor patience

By SIMON GRIVER

TEL AVIV —

Investing in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange can be a precarious business. But despite a recent traumatic tumble, in which some shares lost 50% of their value in one day, investors who have held stocks for the last year are still showing a handsome profit.

Much of the losses in the market's mini crash in February were regained in a subsequent rally.

Last year, stocks and shares were about the best investment in the country rising well over the rate of inflation. In January prices soared an average of 32%. But what goes up must come down and many saw the recent fall as inevitable. Israelis will tell you about a neighbor who bought a new car or color television with his "winnings" and a fifth of the country now owns shares.

Disturbingly, many treat their stocks as a gamble rather than an investment.

With a new high-rise stock market under construction and to be completed next year, Natan Shiloh, deputy general manager of the stock exchange, proclaims a bright future for brokers, investors and industry.

But he regrets that so few Israeli companies are prepared to go public and raise extra capital on the stock exchange. "Entrepreneurs are reluctant to relinquish any part of the control of their businesses," he says. "They would rather not have the extra cash than have to carry out the obligations of a quoted company, like opening books to the public. The availability of cheap government loans also inhibits the stock market. If more Israeli companies were accountable to the public, the country would have a far healthier economy."

At the moment the banks dominate the stock market. They own nearly 70% of the shares and are the market's main brokers, handling 90% of transactions. In fact it was a bank, the Anglo-Palestine, that founded the stock exchange in 1935. It received official government recognition in September 1953.

[Isaish Karlinsky photo]

Tel Aviv stock exchange is a hubbub of activity.

The stock exchange trading floor is divided into two halves. For several hours every afternoon the 108 stocks quoted on the market are auctioned off to the highest bidders in these two areas. A drastically different procedure from the continuous trading in most Western stock exchanges.

Each morning the brokers contact their clients to find out whether they want to buy or sell any of their shares.

All the orders are mathematically matched by a central computer that calculates the overall number of shares to be bought or sold. So when auction time comes along in the afternoon, the law of supply and demand comes under the hammer. A stock is marked either "buyers only" or "sellers only" and the price rises or drops accordingly until all the shares of that company are bought or sold. This new high or low becomes the share's new price for trading on the next day.

The shares are auctioned in turn and within seconds millions of shekels can be added or wiped off the capital value of a share, forcing the price up or down 5 or 10% or even more.

The swift and dramatic nature of trading attracts many gamblers to the stock market. Some shareholders turn up to the visitors' gallery at the time their shares are to be auctioned, rather in the way that a horse racing pundit turns up to an off-track betting office to hear his race. Despite the tense and tormented looks while their stock is being traded and the glee or despair afterwards, all these stock market observers claim they are investors, not gamblers.

Natan Shiloh acknowledges the problem. "Many Israelis do not look upon their shares as long term investments," he says. "Some are nothing but short term gamblers. But the trend is changing as more people are investing in mutual funds where skilled investors select the best shares for their clients."

Much of the drama will soon be drawn out of the stock market as continuous trading is introduced. A radio network will be introduced to link up the country's brokers and financial institutions with the latest developments as trading is evened up through the day.

The market, however, will still remain volatile with the share index continuing to gain and lose large percentages each week and sometimes each day. After all, inflation is approaching 200% per year. Inevitably, this uncertainty will continue to attract gamblers. But the bet has been a good one. Last year some shares climbed by five times the rate of inflation and even the blue chip bank shares increased at double the rate.

But with the recent fall in mind, even the serious investors admit the future is a gamble.

Ironically, while the national economy is struggling, the stock exchange is profiting. On the other side of the coin, a Wall St. style crash, which the banks would never allow to happen anyways, would be serious but not catastrophic for the country because so few industrial concerns are quoted on the market.

Opponents of an increased role for the stock market in the country's economy are happy with the present setup. They point to the recent panic selling and similar hysteria in 1977 when prices dived 30% in a short period. These economists argue that Israel's economy is vulnerable enough without having to rely on the whims of panicking individuals.

But loans may become increasingly difficult to obtain if there is a future recession situation and then the stock market is likely to capture greater attention from industry, which will try to get funds from the public through share issues.

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Epstein elected president of Friends of Haifa U; gives praise to university's outreach program

TORONTO —
Dr. A. A. "Bucky" Epstein was recently elected national president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa Universtiy, succeeding Judge Jacie C. Horowitz, who served in this capacity since 1976. Ray D. Wolfe is honorary president.

Epstein, a Toronto radiologist, who has been active in communal life for many years, said he took on the position of national president for a number of reasons.

"The university looks after almost all the Israelis in the northern part of Israel," Epstien said. "There are more than one million people north of Tel Aviv and Haifa University is the only place where liberal arts can be studied in the north."

Another program at the university Epstein is proud of, is the outreach project under which groups of social workers go into the isolated communities and kibbutzim to reach the Sephardim. Epstein thinks the Sephardim are treated as second class citizens in Israel and this program tries to get them interested in higher education.

He told The Canadian Jewish News that several scholarships are offered, each year, to Sephardim to enable them to attend the university.

He said Haifa University has the highest percentage (13%) of non-Jews on its campus, compared with the other institutions of higher learning in Isreal.

There are 12 Canadian students studying at Haifa, which has a total enrolment of 7,000 and over 100 Canadians have graduated over the years. "It's a beautiful university," said Epstein. "When you are a student you really feel you're part of the university — not just a number. You don't get lost in the shuffle as you do at the University of Toronto or McGill."

Epstein, who was born in New Waterford, N.S., attended Dalhousie University in Halifax and likes to compare Haifa with his alma mater.

Haifa University opened in 1963 as Haifa College and was originally a branch of Jerusalem's Hebrew University. It became an independent institution in 1971.

Although Haifa, like the other Israeli universities, is squeezed for funds, the Canadian Friends organization does not hold an annual fund raising campaign because there are so many other Israeli charities seeking funds in Canada.

The last time the organization had a major drive was in 1978 when funds were raised for the Ray D. Wolfe Centre for Study of Psychological Stress. It was that campaign which got Epstein involved in Haifa U and the Canadian Friends. The organization, he noted, has branches in Vancouver, Calgary, Windsor, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

Dr. A. A. Epstein

Epstein has served as president of the Toronto United Jewish Appeal, United Jewish Welfare Fund and Holy Blossom Temple and as a director of Baycrest. He is currently on the executive board of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Toronto Jewish Congress and is chairman of the Ben Sadowski Awards Committee for TJC.

He graduated in medicine from Dalhousie and did post-graduate work in radiology at Toronto General Hospital. He was chief of the department of radiology at York-Finch Hospital.

Dr. Epstein's wife, Madeleine, is actively involved in the community.

Canadian BB delegation visits Israel to dedicate new health care centre

MONTREAL —
A delegation of Canadian B'nai B'rith leaders, headed by president Ted Greenfield, is in Israel this week to dedicate the Canadian B'nai B'rith health care clinic in Tel Aviv.

The nine-day trip has included private meetings with Israeli political and community leaders, including Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, and receptions at the Knesset and the United Israel Appeal.

Greenfield, prior to leaving for Israel, expressed his satisfaction that this first truly Canadian B'nai B'rith project in Israel was initiated and came to fruition in the same year that Canadian B'nai B'rith achieved a national profile.

The clinic, housed in a beautiful and fully equipped modern facility in the Yad Eliyahu section of Tel Aviv, will serve the basic needs of the neighborhood population. Staffed by a team of nurses trained in public health, as well as pediatricians and gynecologists, the clinic will dispense a wide range of services that include family planning, followup of women during and after pregnancy, and followup of their baby's health.

In the area of preventative medicine, the clinic will provide education, guidance and counseling in such matters as nutrition and immunization.

Alan Borden, chairman of the Israel cabinet of B'nai B'rith, was responsible for the co-ordination of funding the project by the B'nai B'rith lodges.

Borden also expressed his excitement in finally seeing the culmination of this venture, undertaken over a year ago. "Canadian B'nai B'rith," said Borden "has always recognized the importance of Israel and its centrality in Jewish life. The establishment of this mother and child health care facility is a tangible testimonial to our commitment to the State of Israel, and hopefully will set a precedent in the development of future Canadian B'nai B'rith projects in the land of our ancestors."

Commons condemns klan

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The visit by KKK members to the high school class in Don Mills aroused severe criticism from parents, media, the North York Board of Education as well as the Joint Community Relations Committee of B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

In a media statement made by the Joint Community Relations Committee on March 12, the JCRC said that "it was totally unacceptable for a teacher to permit a classroom to become a platform for dissemination of racist propaganda."

Morley Wolfe, JCRC chairman, called for "action and policy-setting by the North York Board of Education." Wolfe added that ". . . . it was not fit . . . to permit this fringe lunacy the opportunity . . . of manipulating students."

The JCRC also called on the race relations committee of the City of North York to take action. According to Sylvia Searles, executive secretary, of that North York interracial committee, a letter "expressing profound indignation" had already been sent to the principal of Don Mills Collegiate, Garry Banks.

A sharp rebuke from Karl Kinzinger, director of the North York Board of Education, also told the principal and the teacher, Robert Shaw, that it was "unacceptable" to invite KKK members to address students.

Kinzinger said he wants to examine the board's policy on visitors to schools as well as how the question of racism in the city can be addressed in the school system.

Klan members were said to have told the students that Canada should be reserved for "a pure race," that Toronto is "overrun with racial minorities" and was a "racial time-bomb."

Principal Garry Banks told The CJN that since the incident he has addressed the whole student body on the KKK.

He stressed that it was not school policy to support the KKK in any way. A member of the Ontario Human Rights Commission is coming to the school next week, he said, to elaborate on problems of racism.

Banks expressed misgivings that the incident had happened with one of his "best" teachers, Robert Shaw. Banks explained that one of Shaw's students had turned up at the last minute for a presentation on the U.S. civil war. In tow, were two KKK guests who would provide historical background, she said. Shaw, while hesitant, nevertheless agreed to her request to let the guests speak.

Banks agreed that the KKK was "sophisticated" in its approach to student recruitment, but found, in subsdquent discussions with the students, that they were "mature" about the KKK presentation and questioned klan views.

He added that Shaw interrogated the KKK members and refuted their theories. Banks said he felt the KKK had been "discredited."

"What really bothers me about this controversy," he said, "is that the KKK is getting so much mileage out of all this."

Nevertheless, he expressed concern that visitors to the school be scrutinized more carefully.

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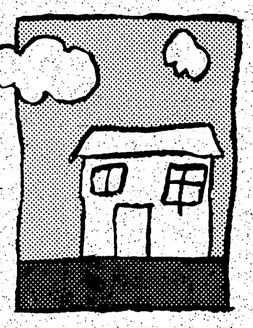
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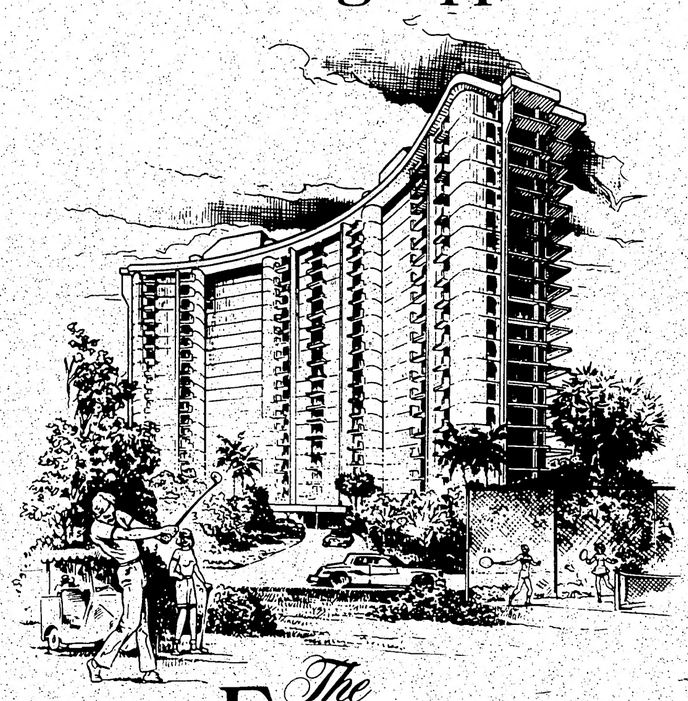
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Organizations and People

What's New

A new chapter, Meah Shanim, was formed recently in honor of ORT's centenary year. From left to right are: Gigi More, vice-president; Bibi Wexler, social convenor; Toby Kolnick, president; Gilda Tyber, regional vice-president; Lydia London, regional vice-president and regional education chairman; Joyce Abrams, program chairman; Norma Katzman, second vice-president. Missing are Fay Feig, treasurer and Lucy Sheer, secretary.

EVENTS FOR SENIORS

The Workman's Circle Social Club is holding a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at noon, at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Entertainers will be **Cantor Harry Jacobs** and humorist **Philip Cohen**. Bring your friends and spend an enjoyable afternoon. For information call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

A film on "Israel Past and Present" will be shown at the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club** (1-50), on March 24 at 1.15 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served. Price for non-members is 75c.

The Centre for Creative Living is sponsoring a literary luncheon on Thursday, March 26, at 1 p.m., with Toronto Star columnist Joe Slinger. The buffet lunch will be served from 11.30 a.m. to noon, at a cost of $2.25 per person. For more information call **Bill Krever** at 630-3200.

The Centre for Creative Living presents Doris' Musical Show at a performance at the True Davidson Home on Thursday, March 26, at 2 p.m., at 200 Dawes Rd. The public is invited. For further information please call **Doris Fleishman**, at 248-4764 or **Anne Sussman** at 222-7422.

THE ARTS

Israeli star Mary Soreanu will star in the Broadway musical comedy hit "The Girl from Tel Aviv," on Sunday, March 29, at 8 p.m., in the Minkler Auditorium at Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E. The two-act play in Yiddish is based on a handsome sculptor who falls in love with a street-wise girl. For information and group arrangements, call **Julie Sperber** at 781-7469.

There will be an auction of international, Canadian and Israeli works of art at Adath Israel synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., on Sunday, March 29, at 8 p.m. Preview times will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is $3 per person which includes refreshments. Proceeds to charity. For more information call 635-5340.

The Toronto Arts Productions' Music at the Centre presents Czech pianist **Ivan Moravec** at the Town Hall, 27 Front St. E., at 8.30 p.m., on March 19. Tickets are $8 and $9.

The Toronto Dance Theatre presents Babar, The Little Elephant, at the Town Hall, 27 Front St., E., at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., from March 21 to 29. Tickets are $4 for children and $6 for adults.

The Shaarei Zion Congregation is sponsoring an art auction on Saturday, March 21, at Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn. Preview at 8.45 p.m. and the auction begins at 9.30 p.m. There will be international art, including lithos, etchings, watercolors, oils and enamels, with a free litho to each couple or single attending. The auction will be conducted by the National Art Auctioning Gallery of New York. Admission is $5 per person and includes refreshments and door prizes. Call 494-3256 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed by the Jane-Finch Community and Family Centre for programs in nearby locations focusing on providing women with opportunities for personal growth. Leaders are needed for the immigrant group, fitness and health group, and women's resource group. Benefits include training, reimbursement for TTC and child care. If interested, call **North York volunteer centre** at 481-6194.

People experienced in haircutting or hairdressing are needed to provide service to elderly people in their homes. These seniors are isolated, live on minimal incomes and are unable to get out for a haircut. Call **North York volunteer centre** at 481-6194.

The student organization, Network, is calling for helpers to distribute posters for the task force for the disabled to synagogues and major Jewish organizations. A party will follow. Volunteers should meet at the Bloor JCC in the main lobby, at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 22. Network is also looking for those interested in working for the task force. Call **Tilda**, 967-2718 or Network, 968-2891.

BURN SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

The Burn Survivors Association has been formed to help find the way back to daily living and a normal life for burn survivors and their families. Meetings are held every third Monday of the month, from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., in Kingsway Lambton United Church. Call **Margaret Claringbold** at 233-2101 or 279-2557.

REENA FOUNDATION BINGO

The next bingo game sponsored by **Reena Foundation** will be held March 26, at the Don Mills Recreation Centre. Early bird specials start at 7 p.m., and regular games at 8 p.m. There is $5,500 in prize money as well as a $3,000 jackpot.

NCJW REGISTRATION

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, is accepting registration for beginners and intermediate daytime and evening sign language classes, to begin March 23. All classes are at Council House, 4700 Bethurst St., in Willowdale. For information and registration, call voice or TTY 633-5100.

NCJW COOKBOOKS

The House of Jewish Cookbooks sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women is open for business at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., and will be a central source where community organizations and synagogues can sell cookbooks which they publish to raise funds. For more information about the books or about a cooking fair in the fall, call Council office at 633-5100 or **Belle Kasdan**, chairman of the project.

MEDICAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

U of T Medical School will demonstrate modern medical techniques, equipment and displays in this year's program, on March 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Medical Sciences Building, 1 Kings College Circle. Admission is free.

COOKING FOR PASSOVER

Rabbi Moshe Bomzer will give a lecture on March 25, at 8.30 p.m., at Shaarei Zion Synagogue on Goldenwood Ave. in Willowdale called "A Chef's Delight: The Do's and Don'ts of Passover Cooking." For more information call 494-3256.

The Richmond Hill Jewish Community Synagogue is sponsoring a program where you can learn to cook for Passover with microwave ovens and food processors, at the Richvale Community Centre, 160 Avenue Rd., in Richmond Hill, on Monday, March 30, at 7.30 p.m. For $3 per person, enjoy an evening of door prizes, recipes, fun and food. Call **Linda Kaiser** at 883-4238, **Betty Small** at 884-2929 or **Nora Corbett** at 884-8043 for tickets and information.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress — Clanton Park Cooking School will present a series of dairy recipes appropriate for the spring and summer season. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from April 28 to May 26, 8 to 10, at the Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor. The fee is $50. For more information contact **Cynthia Gasner** at 977-0050.

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER

Dr. Brian Segal, president of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, will speak on "Educational Values are Changing — Are We?" on Monday, March 23, at Bialik Hebrew Day School, 12 Viewmount Ave., at 8 p.m. For more information contact **Sandy Wise** at 783-2022 (after 4 p.m.) or **Andrea Sugar** at 449-0525.

BLOOD DONORS

The blood donor clinic will be open at the Manulife building, 55 Bloor St. West, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday, from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and noon to 8 p.m.

SINGLES

Alternatives, for singles from 22 to 32, is having a brunch on Sunday, March 29, at the BBYO House, 15 Hove St., at 10.30 a.m. The speaker will be **Jane Hawtin**, new director of Q107, who will be speaking about the danger of modern cults. Admission is $2.50 for members, $3 for non-members. For more information call 783-0175.

The New Young Adults, 19 to 25, of the Northern JCC, are holding a pub and lounge night, on March 19, at 8 p.m., at The Alamo, 3705 Chesswood Drive (north of Sheppard, between Keele and Dufferin.) Call **Phil** at 651-9819 or **Bernie** at 635-1682.

Haverim, for ages 22 to 30, is going to the Limelight Cabaret Theatre to see the play "Drunkard," based on the music by **Barry Manilow**, on April 11. Phone for reservations by April 2. Call **Helen** at 633-7868 or **Morris** at 362-1035 or 630-0027.

There will be a western dance at the Scandals Room in The Ports, 1678 Yonge St., on March 28, at 8 p.m. There will be door prizes and more. Advance tickets are $3.50 at the JSF at York University. Tickets at the door are $4. Phone 667-3647 for more details.

Find your star at Sparkles at the second anniversary of the Let's Get Acquainted Group, on Wednesday, March 25, 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m., at Sparkles Disco in the CN Tower. Admission is $3 and covers parking and elevator ride to the top of tower.

The Beth Bais Yehuda Young Adults group is having a Spring Fever Dance, on Saturday, March 28, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission to the synagogue on 100 Elder St. is $2 and there is a cash bar. For more information, please contact **Janice** at 661-1247.

Toronto's largest Jewish jubilation for Jewish students, singles and young adults will be at Wednesday's Child Nightclub, 132 Queens Quay E. at Jarvis, on Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. Chique Productions will present Yuk Yuks Komedy Kabaret star **Simon Rakoff**.

Chique Productions presents a spring celebration, at Hotel Plaza II, 90 Bloor St. E., Stage Two Nightclub on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. Yuk Yuk's Komedy Kabaret star **Shawn Thompson** will be there.

Total Living for singles (40 and over) is having a social and card night, on Sunday, March 22, at 8 p.m., at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue, 100 Elder St. Singles only please. Refreshments will be served. Call 636-7047 for more information.

Don't miss the party of the Young Professionals Club, on March 21, at 8 p.m., at 360 Ridelle Ave., Suite 1805. It is the last party at this location. Cost of $2 includes refreshments. Call 653-1381 anytime, 638-7701 evenings.

LECTURES

There will be a brotherhood breakfast meeting, on Sunday, March 22, at 9 a.m., at Adath Israel. **Sharon Zeiler**, co-ordinator for seniors on fitness, health and nutrition will discuss "You are What You Eat."

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club will have as guest speaker, **Ben Kayfetz**, national director of the Joint Community Relations Committee. He will speak Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m., on anti-semitism in Canada.

Arie Raif will speak about the Israel tourism industry to the Sunday brotherhood meeting at Shaarei Shomayim, on March 29. Religious services start at 9 a.m., and breakfast starts at 9.30 a.m.

On March 29, at 8.30 p.m., **Ben Kayfetz** will speak to the Shaarei Shomayim get-together group in the sisterhood hall on anti-semitism. For further information call **Zivia Mintz** at 630-9246 or **Sam Rosen** at 787-4880.

There will be a lecture on "The Eternal Jewish Woman" by **Rabbi Sanders** from Cleveland, at the H. Friedman residence, 8 Chater Court, on Sunday, March 22, at 8 p.m. It is sponsored by Yavne Teachers College for Women in Ohio. For information, call 635-7305.

TOUR TO ISRAEL

Tickets are still available for the Beth Sholom Brotherhood tour to Israel and Greece leaving April 27 and returning May 13. Contact **Sam Stark** at 782-3537, or **Henry Cowen** at 783-6103.

SMALL COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

The small communities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress is sponsoring a one-day conference, on Sunday, March 22, from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Beth Zion Congregation, 144 King St. E. in Oshawa. Registration is $6 which includes a kosher lunch. For more information call **Mary Gilbert** at 977-3811.

GERIATRICS PROGRAM

A public service medical program entitled "555" produced by North York Branson Hospital is shown on Willowdown TV Channel 10 every Wednesday, at 7 p.m., and Friday, 6.30 p.m. The program on March 18 is on geriatrics. Guests are **Dr. A. Ameis** and **Dr. A. Born**. Host is **Sandra Ross**. The March 25 program will be a phone-in.

YOM HASHOA

Prepare now to attend the Yom Hashoa community commemoration, on Wednesday, April 29, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, at 8 p.m. "Echoes of Children," the award-winning cantata commissioned by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress, will be performed by orchestra, choir and soloists. The cantata is in memory of the 1,500,000 children killed in the Holocaust.

Dr. David Roskies, noted writer and academic of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, will address the gathering in Yiddish and English. Also, Yad Vashem's citation to Canadian "Righteous Gentiles" will be presented during the ceremony. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. More information at 977-3811.

CULTS — WHO, WHAT, WHY

A program for teens about cults will be offered by the group services teen department of the north branch of the JCC, on Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. **Marcy Gilbert**, director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress will lead the discussion. A movie will follow.

TAX SEMINAR

Update 81, a tax seminar for lawyers, accountants and life underwriters, conducted by the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund, will be held on Wednesday, June 3. The place: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder.

Watch for more information on the seminar later on in the spring.

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Teens and seniors put aside gregors to discuss Purim in today's society at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre. The event was one of a series of intergenerational programs jointly sponsored by B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Wagman Centre. Left to right: Jacob Shapiro, Chapter Raome; Andrea Shessel, Chapter Alumbra; Anne Jacobson, Wagman Centre member; Morris Smith, Baycrest Terrace resident.

Purim programs

IN THE SYNAGOGUES

B'nai B'rith and Beth El Synagogue will hold a Purim party, on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m., at the Beth El Synagogue, 186 Morrison Rd., in Oakville. There will be live music, hot and cold buffet, and entertainment for $15 per couple. Call **Reuben Dubinsky** at 827-0636, **Martin Maskowitz** at 842-1372 or **Ruth Levkoe** at 827-1077.

The megillah will be read on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary of Beth Sholom Synagogue. There will be goodies and gregors for the kids. Morning services and reading of the megillah will be at 7.15 a.m. and 9 a.m., on Friday, March 20, followed by the regular morning breakfasts.

Following the megillah reading, which begins at 6.45 p.m. in **Shaarei Shomayim** on Thursday, March 19, there will be a Purim masquerade party for children and adults, with refreshments, prizes and a band. All are welcome. Party begins at 7.45 p.m.

There will be a Purim carnival for all ages, with prizes for the best costumes at **Beth El Synagogue**, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, on Sunday, March 22, from noon to 3 p.m.

On Sunday, March 22, at 1.30 p.m., **Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am**, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview, will hold a Purim program entitled, "Purim Festival Story and Song — in Yiddish and English," with **Nathan Garnick and the Heritage Singers**.

The **Petah Tikva** Sisterhood is planning a Purim dance at the synagogue, 20 Danby Ave., on March 21, at 8.30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the **Star Band Orchestra.** For more information 636-4719. Everybody welcome.

The Galicianer Association is holding a purim game night on Sunday, March 22, at 7 p.m., in **Adath Israel**, 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview in the Oval Room. Admission is $2. Proceeds for Israel.

PURIM BASH AT U OF T

The great annual Purim bash returns to the Great Hall in Hart House at the University of Toronto on Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m. Admission is $2. There will be prizes for the best costume and lots of music, dancing, draft beer, cold drinks and hamentashen. Megillah reading will be at 7 p.m. in room 4171 in the Medical Science Building. Bring your gregors.

FOR SINGLES

Alternatives, for singles aged 22 to 32, will have a Purim party on Saturday, March 21, at 8.30 p.m., at the downtown Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. There will be prizes for best costumes. Admission is $2 with a costume, and $2.50 without a costume. Call 783-0175 for more information.

FOR SENIORS

The Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is holding a Purim luncheon party, on Monday, March 23, at 12.30 p.m., in the synagogue. Entertainment will be by the well-known musical family, **The Ackermans**.

The North-East Jewish Seniors Club celebrates Purim with the Herb Cheron Duo, on Monday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at the Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. New members welcome. For further information call **Phyllis Verbin** at 493-8866.

ORT CHAPTERS

Chapters Golda Meir, Jerusalem and Meah Shanim from Toronto Women's ORT are sponsoring a Purim costume ball starring international cabaret artist, **Aelita**. It's called for March 21, at 7 p.m., at the Oakdale County Club, and is intended to raise funds for the ORT scholarship fund. Call 787-0297 for reservations.

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CANADIANS HONORED

Three Canadian undergraduates at Yeshiva University in New York City have been included in the 1980-81 national listing of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They are: **Jeffrey Indig**, Montreal; **Lawrence Shafron**, Vancouver; and **Keah Witty**, Toronto. Indig is in predental school; Shafron in premeds; and Witty an accounting major at Stern College for women. To get into the Who's Who, students are cited not just for academic standing but also community service and leadership. Yeshiva U, now in its 95th year, is the oldest and largest Jewish university in the U.S.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL

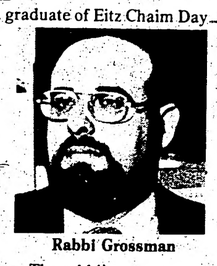
Shirlee Fox has been appointed executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council. The appointment caps a career in community affairs for Mrs. Fox. For the past nine years she has been a member of the national executive of Canadian Hadassh-WIZO. In Young Judea, she is a past national portfolio chairman, and is currently the regional chairman for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. She was also the Atlantic regional chairman for the Halifax-Dartmouth women's division of United Israel Appeal. She is married to **Max Fox**, and is the mother of Colin, Janice and Johnathan.

LASTMAN'S CHARITY A SELLOUT

In his capacity as mayor of North York, **Mel Lastman** has sponsored annual charity dinner dances which have raised more than $300,000 for charity in the past six years. This year's dinner for Ronald McDonald House has sold out the entire 830 seats. About $60,000 was raised for the McDonald-house which provides accommodation for families whose children are being treated for cancer-related illness at Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

Former Torontonian and graduate of Eitz Chaim Day School, Rabbi Yosef Grossman, has just been appointed principal of the Beth Jacob-Beth Miriam School in the Bronx, N.Y. Rabbi Grossman's duties also include the direction of an outreach program offering assistance in marriage, divorce, conversion, circumcision and mourning. The rabbi's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Grossman of Toronto.



Rabbi Grossman

The family and friends of the late Ed Alter donated a wheelchair and a commode chair to North York Branson Hospital in Alter's name. Dr. S. Collins, a hospital staff member was instrumental in securing the gift. Branson hospital staff from left to right are: Rey Sinco, community relations officer; J. Bruce, executive director; G. Turnbull, assistant director, nursing; and [kneeling], Dr. Collins.

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Mathematician honored

TEL AVIV —

Prof. Ilia Piatetski-Shapiro of Tel Aviv University will be awarded the Israel Prize for mathematics in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field.

Prof. Piatetski-Shapiro, who immigrated to Israel in 1976 from the Soviet Union, was repeatedly nominated for the Lenin Prize and for membership of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. "If I had won the Lenin Prize, the Soviets would not have allowed me to come to Israel," says Piatetski-Shapiro, who, by applying to immigrate to Israel, forfeited a brilliant career in the Soviet Union as a professor at Moscow University. He held a senior research post in the scientific institute of the Soviet National Academy of Sciences.

When finally allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1976, Piatetski-Shapiro was offered positions in universities all over the world. In Israel, Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University offered him positions, and he chose Tel Aviv University which already had on its faculty several outstanding mathematicians from the Soviet Union. Prof. Piatetski-Shapiro also spends three months every year at Yale University.

Israel's Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, accepts a book on Canadiana from Gay Berger, who led UIA Canada's first international women's mission to Israel. The book was autographed by Canada's Prime Minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau. In return, Begin autographed a book on the history of Israel which Mrs. Berger will present to Mr. Trudeau at the UIA women's division annual general meeting in Ottawa on June 1.

At the dedication of the Dr. Azriel Carlebach Chair in journalism at Tel Aviv University, Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar [right] president of TAU, presents scroll to Oved Ben-Ami, co-founder of Maariv, one of Israel's most important daily newspapers. Shmuel Shnitzer [left], editor of Maariv, looks on. This is Israel's first Chair of Journalism. It was donated by Maariv.

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tzav/Purim 5741

There's been more than one Purim in our history. In every generation Jews have faced enemies and overcome them.

In Brisk there was an angry landowner who suddenly decreed that all his Jewish families must leave his property. Dozens of families would be left without livelihood. A delegation rushed to the landowner to rescind the law.

The landowner agreed to let them remain, but only on condition that the amount of money the Jewish community paid him yearly should be raised considerably. Without choice, the Jews consented.

Later, when the Jews met to raise the agreed-upon sum, every family claimed that it did not have any money to pay the extra tax. The money would have to come from someone else. The group decided to go to the Brisker Rov, Rabbi Yoshe Ber, for a decision.

He told them: "Now I understand a section of the Purim megillah that I never understood before. In the megillah it tells that Haman offered King Ahashuerus 10,000 shekalim for the right to kill all the Jews. Why didn't the Jews counter his move by offering a greater amount?

"But now I see. The Jews then were like you, now. Even when a great danger faced them, they couldn't unite to raise the proper amount. . . ." (Fun Unzer Alten Otzer)

Are we Jews much different? Never since the Holocaust has danger faced Israel and the Jewish people like today. The black storm clouds of anti-semitism are again over our heads. The United Nations prepares the ground for suspending Israel, and delegitimizing the Jewish state. Gevald! Now, at a time that Jews should be uniting with one heart, raising sums for Israel, forgetting differences, and standing with one voice in prayer before G-d, we see a Purim shpeil of Jews criticising each other in newpaper letters, or Nassidim bombarding each other with bottles and rocks. We see too many Jews just nodding their head, and not helping.

In that vein . . . please remember during this Purim day to contribute to the Monthly Fund, c/o Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 9 Fraserwood Avenue, Toronto M5N 2N3. Every penny goes to aid the needy, the poorly clothed and poorly housed and fed, in Israel.

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The minor hero of the Purim story was Charvona. It was he who pointed out to the King that Haman had built a gallows 50 cubits high for Mordechai. The king immediately had Haman hung on it.

"V'gam Charvona zachor la'tov. . . . Also Charvona should be remembered favorably. . . ."

But it's strange, though. In the Medrash it's mentioned that it was really Elijah the Prophet who appeared in the image of Charvona and told the king about the gallows. If it was really Elijah, not Charvona, who told the king, then why should Charvona get honorable mention? After all, he did nothing.

Answered the Dubner Maggid: "When a person is invited to a wedding, and he borrows his friend's good suit so he can attend, then it's only right that he should thank him for borrowing his outfit. The same way, if Charvona had the zchus that Elijah should borrow his "outfit," his body, to tell the message, then it's only right that Charvona should get some credit. . . .

In a time of crisis, Mordechai told Esther: "Revach v'hatzalah. . . . Salvation will come to the Jews anyway, but if you don't help, it will be you and your father's house that will be destroyed. . . ."

The Jews will be triumphant. But it is only those Jews who stay loyal to Yiddishkeit who will see the blessing. Shabbat Shalom, a freiliche Purim.

Jewish women are responsible for survival of the Jewish people

By RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

From earliest times, the survival of the Jewish people has been assured by the actions of its women. In Egyptian bondage, when Pharaoh's cruel policy threatened the extinction of the Israelites, it took the midwives with extraordinary courage to act in defiance of the tyrant.

The prophet Micah considered Miriam as one of the three emancipators of the Jewish people from Egyptian slaveary.

In the period of the Judges, the existence of the Jews was threatened by the Canaanites and their general, Sisra. Deborah, a prophetess and judge, arose to direct and inspire Barak to lead them into battle. Her song of triumph, recorded in the Book of Judges, is an example of the finest outpourings of the spirit recorded in the Bible.

Toward the end of the Second Commonwealth, the reign of Alexandra Salome offered Israel an era of peace that sharply contrasted with the tyranny of the rulers who came before and after her. In the days of horror of the latter Roman Empire, throughout the migration of nations, it was not war alone that destroyed and annihilated all those people of which, despite their former world-dominating greatness, nothing remains but their name. It was, rather, the ensuing demoralization of home life. This is proved. It can not be repeated too often by the Jews, for they suffered more severely and more cruelly by wars than any other nation, but among them, the inmost germ of morality, strict discipline and family devotion, was at all times preserved.

This wonderful and mysterious preservation of the Jewish people is due to the Jewish woman. This is her glory, not alone in the history of the Jewish people, but in the history of the world.

Judaism has, of course, recognized the debt it owes its woman. Religious Jews usher in the Sabbath with the singing of Aishet Chayil. This hymn, from the Book of Proverbs, is an ode to the Jewish "Woman of Valor."

Purim, the holiday that celebrates our deliverance from the designs of Hamen and our reconsecration to Torah, owes its origin to the valor and perseverance of a woman. Most people are familiar with the courage Esther displayed by risking her life to secure an audience with King Achasuerus. As a result, the Jews were saved, and those who plotted to harm them met their bitter end.

Esther's role in the event of Purim was incidental. Had she refused to risk her life, G-d would have found another instrument through which to save his people. Mordecai pointed this out to her when he said, "For if thou holdest thy peace now, deliverance and peace will come to the Jews from another place." However, Esther played the role of a Jewish woman in the traditional manner.

The Talmud tells us that after the Purim miracle, Esther wrote to the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem asking to establish Purim as a festival in the Jewish calendar. This was refused, because "Moses has told us that no prophet should add anything to the law from now henceforth, and yet Mordecai and Esther desire to create a new institution."

We are told that, notwithstanding the fact that 85 elders, including more then 35 prophets, were unwilling to grant official reconstruction to the Feast of Purim, at Esther's insistence, "They did not cease to ponder over it, until G-d opened their eyes, and they found justification for it in the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings."

Esther won her point over the objection of sages and elders. The command of Esther stands confirmed. "These days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province and every city, and these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memory of them perish from their seed."

Esther's memory was immortalized in the book of the Bible which bears her name, and plays a vital role in the celebration of Purim.

When we were first exiled from Egypt, we were redeemed because of the Righteous Woman. When we were exiled a second time, it was a woman who helped redeem us. Today again, our salvation rests in the hands of our women.

For many years, the North American Jewish community neglected the education of its women. Boys were sent to Hebrew school to prepare for bar-mitzvah. However, the girls were left without any formal Jewish education. Now, the trend has changed. There is Beth Jacob for girls on the elementary and high school levels. And there is a Stern College for Women!

We pray that this trend will continue, for it is the women who operates the machinery of Jewish survival. She is the one who often decides to keep kosher, observe Shabbat and send children to day school!

The North American Jewish woman may be proud of her heritage. She should also see in it a challenge to live up to the lofty standards of generations of Esthers!

May all of us be blessed with the strength and wisdom to enjoy a healthy and spiritually gratifying Purim.

Rabbi speaks on 'eternal woman'

By MARTIN KROSSEL

Rabbi David Sanders

TORONTO —

Rabbi David Sanders, guest lecturer at Yavne Teachers College in Cleveland, will be speaking about "The Eternal Woman" on Sunday, March 22 at 8 p.m. at 8 Chater Court.

Rabbi Sanders is a graduate of the Telsher Yeshiva in Cleveland, and also holds a Masters in Education from Western Reserve University. He has worked in Johannesburg, where he established a yeshiva and at Beth Jacob High School for girls. In Miami he served as a yeshiva principal.

Returning to Cleveland, he founded Spectrum, an organization for family education and still serves as its director.

The Yavne Teachers College, which Rabbi Sanders will be representing in Toronto, offers students both a Judaic and liberal arts education. Its courses are fully accredited by other universities. Its graduates serve as teachers and administrators in parochial and public school systems throughout the United States, Canada and Israel.

Yavne has a distinguished history. It was started in 1924, as an offshoot of the Telsher Yeshiva in Lithuania. The original yeshiva, which dated back to 1875, and the Women's Seminary were destroyed in the Holocaust.

Under the leadership of Rabbis E. M. Bloch and C. M. Katz, the yeshiva was re-established in Cleveland in 1941. In 1958, the Yavne Teachers Seminary for Women was reopened.

The Telsher Yeshiva and Yavne Teachers Seminary have always had a close relationship with Toronto Jewry. Over the years, many Torontonians have attended the two schools, and graduates have served as teachers and principals in many of the city's Hebrew schools. Presently, there are four students from Toronto at Yavne.

Purim party in North Peel on March 22

BRAMPTON —

The North Peel Jewish Association invites anyone who is interested to a Purim party on Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. in the Brampton Day School, on Queen St. W. at the second line of Brampton.

Bette-Ann Goldstein, principal of the North Peel Hebrew School, said that besides cartoons, costumes and prizes for the children, Topper the clown will also pay a visit.

The association has been together for four years, said Goldstein, and in the past has held Chanukah and succah decorating parties. There are 33 families who belong to the association from nearby centres of Brampton, Bolton and Caledon.

The 30 students in the Hebrew school, ages 4 to 10, meet with one of the three teachers from two to four hours per week, depending on the child's age, she said. Shabbat services are held once a month, led by one of three lay leaders. Rabbi Harvey Meirovich from Adath Israel has joined the congregation on some occasions.

She added that the association is in the process of buying land in north Bramalea, where future plans could include a synagogue and a community centre.

Some Jewish families are moving to this developing area just northwest of Toronto, but Goldstein said: "It is a slow movement. . . . We welcome young families with open arms, and we would like to see more come out and join us."

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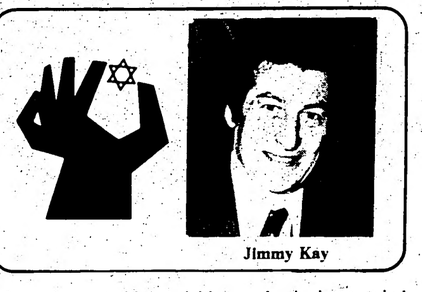

Jimmy Kay

Just when you think activities are beginning to wind down, what with mid-March school break looming on the horizon, a look at the UJA calendar tells a different story.

During the past week-and-a-half no telephone has been idle, whether at 150 Beverley or elsewhere in the city where telethons are being held.

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On March 9 the B'nai B'rith "regulars" were out in full force, with UJA Chairman **Joe Shabes** along with son **Jeff** taking charge. Included in the contingent were: **Al Rich, Irving Gold, Isaac Jesin, Bernard Noyek, Joe Lester, Arnold Friedman, David Stokes, Paul Bauer, Sol Goldberg, Leon Weinryb, Sid Menkes, C. Koffler, David Izen.**

On Sunday, March 8, more than 40 women came out to participate in a telethon at the Bathurst and Eglinton branch of the Toronto Dominion Bank. At one point, I'm told, the lines were completely tied up. They raised over $10,000.

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Moving right along, folks, I've had glowing reports about the Physicians' telethon. In just a few hours more than $50,000 was raised through the efforts of **Drs. Morton Brown, Joel Jeffries, Harvey Zimmerman, Harry Krakowsky, Harvey Shaul** and **Larry Blendis.**

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Shim Felson arrived with his wife **Vivian**, and promptly set her to work on the telephone. They came directly from the Art Gallery (around the corner from 150 Beverley), after viewing the Van Gogh exhibit.

Did I hear someone mutter from **canvas** to **canvass**?

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As for the Dentists, three of them turned out for the first of two telethons (the second is scheduled for the end of the month) — UJA chairman **Alan Gans, Elle Wolfson,** Health Professions Chairman, and **Jeff Kirshenbaum.** As in all worthwhile endeavors, it's quality not quantity that counts.

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If you're wondering why **Penny Offman** has been smiling a great deal recently, we know the reason. In her first stint as chairman of Agency Boards, the blush of success has begun to take hold.

The Board of Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly has completed the canvass of its members, who have come through with substantial increases. Board President, **Jeff Stutz**, has taken cards to cover from other divisions as well.

Other success stories include Jewish Information Service, Jewish Student Federation, Jewish Community Centre and United Synagogue Day Schools.

Alvin Rosenberg and **Hy Isenbaum** have assumed responsibility for the canvass of the Mount Sinai Board.

I presume the CSJE board members who took part in a community telethon a while ago enjoyed the experience. They are going to participate in a joint effort with the Board of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service.

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The Keltzer Society has scheduled a campaign windup breakfast for Sunday, March 22. President is **Sam Cohn** and UJA Co-chairman, **Philip Platt** and **Julius Wiener.**

And Sunday, April 5 is the date for the Stashover Society's annual UJA Banquet, to be held at Adath Shalom Synagogue. President **Jack Rosen** and UJA Chairman **Henry Jaskolka** have planned an interesting evening, with incoming UIA emissary, **Arie Lewin** as guest speaker.

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Two new members have been added to the Circle of Chai in the student campaign. They are **Marla Kleinberg** and **Avital Rojeck** of the University of Toronto. Coming up in the home stretch with 16 completed cards is York University student **Alex Rutgers.**

And **Les Train** deserves our congratulations for completing the canvass of students in fourth year Dentistry.

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Plans for the UJA student mission to Israel, due to leave Toronto on May 18, are now being finalized. Interested? Then you may contact **Karen Durbin** at 977-3811, local 270.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK

Since **Sam Rife** retired from business, he's made UJA a full-time avocation, and believe me, we're not complaining. He's virtually a one-man blitz. Almost single-handedly, he's either covered or kept tabs on all cards of the membership of the Pride of Israel, and he keeps asking for more cards to cover. It's a pleasure to accommodate him!

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Jimmy Kay

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Fascinating peek into USSR: a hidden artistic society

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A fascinating peek into the Soviet Union's hidden artistic society is offered on CBC-FM's Audience program "The Soviet Counterculture," this Saturday evening (March 21) at 7.05 in all time zones.

Highlight of the program is a performance of officially frowned-upon songs in Russian, English and Hebrew by a Russian professional entertainer, Sasha Lerman, who is now in Israel. None are directly critical of the Soviet regime.

Narrator of the program is David Levy, a former CBC Moscow correspondent, who came and went from the USSR for 15 years and lived there permanently between 1964 and 1974. Lerman came secretly to the apartment of Levy, who taped his performance and observations about the Soviet musical scene.

According to Levy, the basic prerequisite for any introduction at all to the Soviet Counterculture is fluency in the Russian language. This lack in most Western visitors and journalists, says Levy, restricts them to talking only with government-appointed clerical and other staff, who may speak English but are paid to voice the offical Soviet line in all matters.

"Only through fluency in everyday Russian is it possible to escape this trap and reach out to real people and learn what their real feelings and experiences are," says Levy, who speaks and understands Russian fluently.

The rise of the counterculture, according to Levy, reflects a significant shift from belief to disbelief in the Soviet system, from official optimism to private pessimism. The consequent "real turmoil has created swells on the surface, if no actual visible waves," he says.

Two recent events typified these swells. During the Moscow Olympics, when security was at its most restrictive, thousands of Muscovites turned out at the funeral of counter-culture hero Vladimir Vizotsky, pushing through police guards to get a look at his body. About the same time, 10,000 people gathered for an exhibit by 143 "unofficial" (not subsidized or even approved of by any of the numerous Soviet arts councils) artists. There had been no advertiseing — only details of time and place broadcast over BBC and Voice of America shortwave radio.

Such things are tolerated by the authorities as long as they are held with a minimum of publicity, to avoid catching the attention of uninvolved Russians. The other imperative is tht no foreigner witness these expressions of deviation from official Soviet art.

Levy's ability to mix with the Russians ultimately brought him in direct contact with counter-culture art.

Lerman, his wife, and a male friend came to Levy's apartment quite unexpectedly. That they trusted him to record their songs and interviews was remarkable; that Levy decided to play these back for us for their immediacy was a stroke of genius.

Lerman's songs include touching Russian ballads he composed himself, an English selection from the Rolling Stones, and Jerusalem of Gold, in Hebrew. As a former member of a Soviet ensemble, Lerman is very much a professional.

Regrettably, Levy's explanations and translations become intrusive when Lerman is singing, and detract from his performance.

(Where did Lerman learn his nearly flawless Hebrew? Through Kol Yisrael — Israel's shortwave service — and an East German textbook.)

The Soviet counterculture is an enlightening look into an aspect of Russian life virtually sealed off to all except its direct participants. Producer of the program is Katherine Carolan, in Vancouver.

Also included on the March 21 Audience show is a segment about theatre in China after the cultural revolution.

Roth giving lectures at Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —

Rabbi Joel Roth of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City will give a series of lectures and shiurim at Beth Tzedec on the weekend of March 28-29.

Currently associate dean of the rabbinical school at the seminary, Dr. Roth is the author of two works on the Talmud including one on the tractate Kiddushin.

He is one of the rare holders of the PhD in Talmud from the seminary, where he has taught in various departments. He has also served as the director of the Melton Research Centre for Jewish Education.

Roth will be dealing with the "Dynamics of Halacha" during his Beth Tzedec weekend visit. The following is his schedule of lecture and sermon topics:

Shabbat morning, March 28 at 10 (from the pulpit), "The Origins of Halacha;" at the Shabbat study luncheon (for which prepaid reservations are necessary), "The Blossoming of Halacha;" his shiur at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday is on a selection from the tractate Sanhedrin.

On Sunday morning, March 29 at his talk "The Essence of Halacha" will be co-sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Mens' Club.

The lectures are open to the public without charge.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Ben Sherman recently celebrated his 110th birthday. Among his many well-wishers was his 6-year-old great-grandson Zev Gitalis.

Shot of schnapps just might be Sherman's secret

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

Maybe it's the schnapps every day before lunch and dinner!

Ben Sherman celebrated his 110th birthday on March 11 at Mount Sinai Hospital surrounded by members of his family and hospital staff, and was served a cake with 11 candles.

Ida Clarfield, who is the youngest of Sherman's five children, said her father is in the hospital waiting to go to Baycrest.

"He's old, frail and blind, but very alert," she said and added that he knew she was planning a party for him.

Besides the schnapps "to look after the inner and outer man," Clarfield said she thinks her father's longevity is due to his acceptance of good and bad situations and, "subsequently, not fretting."

Sherman was born in Kiev in 1871 and his daughter believes he came to Toronto with his wife Goldie in 1905. He was apprenticed as a tinsmith in Russia but once in Toronto, Sherman went out in his horse and wagon selling pots and pans and other sundries, and his wife sold similar merchandise from their home on Elizabeth St.

The family opened Sherman's Hardware on Queen St. in 1921 and the business is still run by one of the sons.

Clarfield said both of her parents were active in the early Jewish community. Her mother, who died 28 years ago, was one of the founders of Mount Sinai Hospital and her father still belongs to the Russisher shul (Shaarei Tzedek.)

Before Sherman moved to Canada, he had been in the Russian army, where he learned to play the drums. Clarfield said her father used to play with Toronto bands at weddings and he still gives "teeny concerts" for his family which includes 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sherman's four other children are Paul, from Encino, Calif., Sam, from Toronto, Max, from Brantford and Mynne Friendly, Toronto.

UJA's "Super Sunday" is slated for April 12

TORONTO —

United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto has officially set April 12 as "Super Sunday," and canvassing volunteers are being sought to man phones for the day-long event.

Location for the telephone marathon will be at UJA campaign headquarters, 150 Beverley St.

Campaign director David Marks stated that the telephone sweep of Toronto Jewish community members not yet committed to UJA, will get underway at 9 a.m. and run until 10 p.m.

Canvassers will be at some 40 phones during the telethon, working in 3-hour shifts. A buffet will be provided and will be open throughout the event.

Marks said the Super Sunday effort will figure strongly in this year's UJA fund raising, and noted that the success of the day "will depend on those community-minded members who turn out to make the calls and tend to various administrative tasks."

More information about the event, as well as reservations for canvassing times, can be obtained by contacting UJA headquarters at 977-3811.

[Michael Rumack photo]

Pupils of Temple Emanu-El Congregational School [front row] won the Bible contest sponsored by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

Temple Emanu-El wins Toronto Bible contest

By JOAN ALEXANDER

TORONTO —

Members of a team from Temple Emanu-El recently won a Bible contest when they scored the highest of eight competing teams from Toronto's Jewish supplementary schools.

The contest, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, was held March 8 at Temple Sinai. Members of the winning team were Jonathan Blumberg, Brian Kassel, Sarah Gordon and Daryl Landau.

Other schools participating were Adath Israel, Beth Tikvah, Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom, Shaar Shalom, Temple Sinai and Solel. Teams were made up of four students. Some teams brought alternates.

The students were quizzed on the Book of Exodus (or "Shemot") in a series of three rounds, in which one team played off against another. Then, the two highest scoring teams — Temple Emanu-El and Holy Blossom Temple — competed in a fourth and final round.

Questions were carefully prepared and, with each round, they increased in detail and complexity.

For example, in the first round, students were asked to give the names of Moses' mother, wife, and father-in-law. In the final round, however, they were asked to answer such difficult questions as, "Who may not eat the Pesach offering?" and "In what month did the Israelites arrive in the wilderness of Sinai?"

Throughout the rounds, judges did not hesitate to consult the Bible to recheck answers to assure complete fairness to all team members.

Questions were posed by a panel of judges that included Rabbi Saul Tanenzapf, York University; Rabbi Martin Lockshin, York University; Dr. Libby Garshowitz, University of Toronto; Chaim Divon, vice consul-general of Israel; and Dr. Seymour Epstein, a consultant at the Board of Jewish Education. The event was co-ordinated by Malka Mirsky of the BJE.

Students said they had been preparing for the contest at home and at school for the past two months. Many said they studied from one to three hours a day. Some had been volunteers for their teams while others took written tests to qualify. Said the mother of a Shaar Shalom contestant: "My daughter has been carrying the Bible everywhere with her for weeks."

After the final round, each contestant received a booklet on Jerusalem and a book from the Ketter series of the Israel Pocket Library, entitled "History Until 1880." Chaim Divon and Harold Malitzky, of the BJE, presented the awards.

Before concluding the afternoon proceedings, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, addressed the students. He said young people must realize how important the Bible is to our heritage. He said that such study, as the Bible contest encourages, "gives the students a sense of the meaning and importance of the early development of Jewish life."

"One of the great experiences of studying in Jewish schools," said the rabbi, "is to study the Jewish Bible. . . Everyone who participates comes out as a winner."

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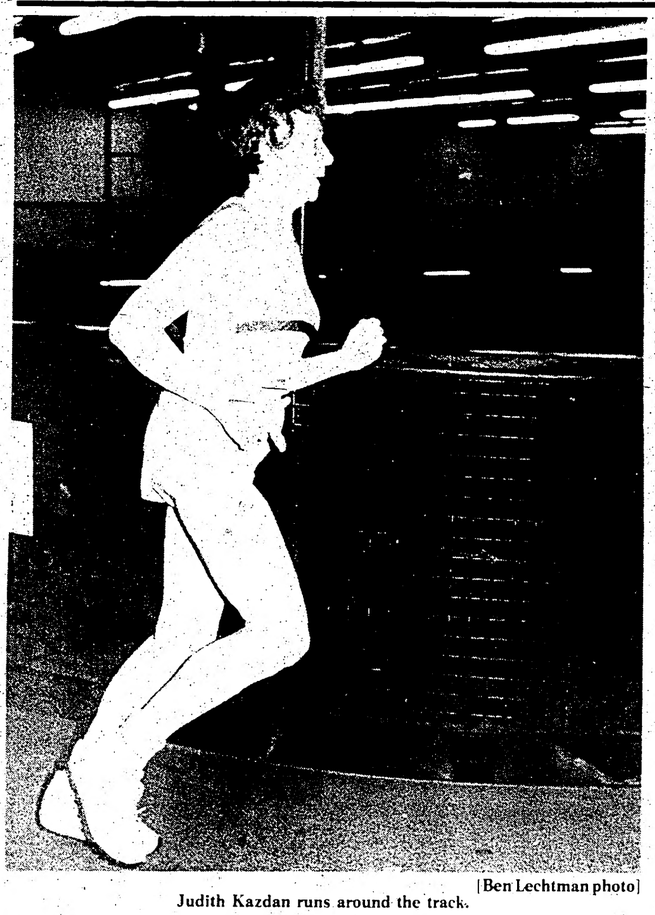

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Judith Kazdan runs around the track.

Grandmother competes in running marathons

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

In 1966, one of Judith Kazdan's sons began running for sport. To keep him company and to get into shape, Judith's husband, Aaron, started to run with him.

"I'd sit at home and wait for them to finish," Judith Kazdan said, "just like a good wife should. That got rather boring, so eventually I decided that I would run with them, too."

Kazdan's son has since stopped running, but she and Aaron work out every day. In fact, she eventually got into such good condition, she decided to compete in marathons.

She said that, after a little training, she realized she was able to run six miles rather comfortably. "I was doing that plus taking a calisthenics class at the Y," Kazdan said. "Slowly I worked it up to 10 miles, and I still felt alright."

"I didn't have speed," she admitted, "but I had the endurance. Everybody thought I was crazy."

Kazdan eventually tried her first marathon (26 miles, 385 yards) and finished it. She told Sports Scene she enjoyed the challenge of that marathon so much that she has since competed in, and completed, 16 others.

Not all the marathons took place in Toronto. Early this year, Kazdan, her husband, Sheila and Ronald Barnett and Max Gould, all of Toronto, went to Australia and New Zealand to compete in a number of competitions for veteran runners. While there, Kazdan won four gold medals — for the 10-kilometre, 25-kilometre, cross-country and marathon events. The four races took place in only 10 days.

Known as the running grandmother, Kazdan works out at 6 each morning and at 6 each evening. She does that seven days a week, chalking up five miles a day and 10 miles on Sunday, when she isn't training. When she's in training, Kazdan averages 10 to 15 miles per day and 15 miles on Sunday.

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Nicki Lang, the Canadian chef de mission for the 1981 team to the Maccabiah Games, reported to The CJN that Canada won't have a team for team handball and volleyball at the Games this July.

Lang said our athletes are not up to the proper level of competition. He also said a decision still must be made as to whether we send a diving team. "At the international meeting in February, it appeared that there weren't the required number of countries entering teams for the diving," Lang said. "That should be resolved in a month, and if diving is accepted, then we will certainly send a team."

Also, as far as Lang can see, the final count for the Canadian team will be 101 competitors. There will also be 19 coaches and managers and seven or eight team officials.

Finally, Lang said, Canada will once again be sending a bridge team to Israel. The details for a qualifying tournament have yet to be worked out.

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Irv Lightstone, the head pro at Maple Downs Golf Club, has been named the 1980 club professional of the year by the Canadian Professional Golfers Association.

Lightstone has been the head pro at that course for 24 years and, during that time, has been credited as an innovator and instigator of many firsts for golf and sports.

He has been on the board of directors of the Ontario Professional Golfers Association for 10 years and has been captain and president of the same organization. He was also instrumental in rewriting the CPGA by-laws.

A native of Winnipeg, Lightstone is also serving as chairman of golf for the Ontario Maccabiah Games Association.

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When 22-year-old Kerry Burtnyk won the Brier recently, he was the youngest skip in Brier history to pilot his squad to the No. 1 spot in Canadian curling. In 1965, 25-year-old Terry Braunstein of Winnipeg won the Brier.

In 1958, when he was 18, Braunstein went to the Brier for the first time. His younger brother, Ron, 16, was on both teams. Because the Braunstein foursome was so young, the Canadian Curling Association passed a rule prohibiting junior curlers from competing in the Brier.

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Following a well-presented case by the American Jewish Congress in the Chicago region, Jewish students will be allowed to wear yarmulkas while playing basketball in league play.

Until the temporary restraining order was handed down by Judge Milton Shadur of the U.S. District Court, the wearing of yarmulkas was prohibited because league officials feared accidents might occur when a player would slip on a fallen yarmulka.

Two Hebrew schools challenged the rule of the Illinois High School Athletic Association and, when they won the order, the two teams took to the basketball court for the state tournament and proceeded to lose.

The judge will continue hearings in May regarding the legality of the association's rule.

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The national trials for the Maccabiah squash team will be held from March 29 to April 5 at the Meadowvale Club, in Mississauga. The tournament is open to A and B level players. For applications contact **Bernie Offstein** at 369-4311.

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For the 1981 racing season, the Ontario Jockey Club is holding a number of racing days that will give seniors free general parking, admission to the grandstand, reserved seats, coffee, soft drinks, milk and a racing program and handicapping journal.

The dates are April 21 at Greenwood, June 11 at Woodbine, July 13 at Fort Erie and Sept. 17 at Woodbine. Those are all afternoon dates for thoroughbreds.

For an evening out at the harness races the dates are May 26 at Mohawk, July 22 at Greenwood, Aug. 19 at Greenwood and Sept. 8 at Mohawk.

To book a group, or for further information, contact Jackie Adams at 675-6110.

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The Associated Hebrew Schools basketball team was the first team of Jewish athletes to make it to the finals in the TDCAA.

Other than the Associated team, all the squads represent Catholic schools. Associated lost the final to Michael Power, 82-64.

Howard Domb led the Associated team with 30 points.

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The next event in the Maccabiah Festival is a day devoted to soccer. It will take place on March 29 at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

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Lawyer speaks on Charter of Rights

Says affirmative action may harm Jews

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — Affirmative action, as advocated in the proposed Charter of Rights, could be harmful to Jews as well as other ethnic groups, according to Stephen Krashinsky, a young law graduate, who recently addressed a packed meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region executive.

Krashinsky is a member of the CJC Ontario executive and the Joint Community Relations Committee.

While giving preferential treatment to members of disadvantaged groups has been called "affirmative action" by some, others, more critical, have labeled such programs as "reverse discrimination," Krashinsky said.

He claimed that groups such as Jews and those within the Oriental community, which are over-represented in such places as universities, could possibly be hit by quotas on enrolment.

He speculated that if the aim of affirmative action was to more accurately represent the social composition of Canada, Jews could theoretically find themselves at the bottom of the barrel because they are so small numerically.

Eligibility to university, business and the professions should be decided on individual merit and not on race, color or ethnicity, Krashinsky said. He argued that it was "morally repugnant" to pursue social equality by any means of discrimination.

"Racial discrimination — for whatever reason — has no place in a democratic society," he said.

Krashinsky said he was worried that CJC had "opened the legal door" to affirmative action through its brief by the select committee on the constitution.

But he noted national CJC president Irwin Cotler's caveat that it was necessary to distinguish between "positive" and "negative" affirmative action. Cotler observed that affirmative action for native peoples, women and francophones had already taken place.

"It's now incumbent on CJC and other major Jewish organizations to monitor any future affirmative action programs developed by the government," he said.

He added that if affirmative action is enclosed in a Charter of Rights — as is almost certain — action in the Jewish community will have to be political rather than legal.

Other matters on the CJC agenda included the controversial issue of charitable receipts for tuition fees at Hebrew schools, cults, and Jewish archives in the community.

Sam Filer, national chairman of CJC, said CJC would deal with the concerns of the Jewish community over reported proposals from Revenue Canada at a meeting with William Rompkey, minister of national revenue. (Reports indicate Revenue Canada is changing the rules regarding tax exemptions for school fees.)

Date for the meeting between Rompkey and the CJC delegation was not known at time of publication. Filer said details on the CJC's specific concerns would follow after the meeting with the federal minister.

Reporting on cults in Toronto, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, said there were about 30 cults in Toronto, some of which were tied into international cult movements.

Referring specifically to the Way International, Witty said this Ohio-based sect had more than 100,000 members in the U.S., Japan, Great Britain and Canada.

"Way International looks respectable by trying to appeal to social consciousness. It has several rock groups, such as the one in Toronto called Takit which plays for high schools and colleges," he said.

"This is no ordianry cult," continued Witty. New members, in order to qualify, have to read two anti-semitic tracts which denounce the Holocaust as a Jewish hoax."

Way International operates under different fronts, said Witty, but it was difficult to discover what they were.

He called for more extensive investigations of cults as well as Jewish involvement. Details on just how many Jewish youth were members of these cults is still unknown, he said.

Sol Edell, chairman of the archives committee, reported that an archives system was now being set up at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Kingston with the help of CJC Ontario regional archivist, Stephen Speisman, and his assistant, Brookie Robins.

Edell said Speisman had set up a classification system and advised on matters of acquisition, equipment and storage.

The Ontario regional archives will receive all copies of relevant material, and microfilming and photographic work will be handled by Ontario regional archives, he said.

Edell added that the archives is a lively place which is used frequently by schools and universities across Canada, and occasionally, by those in Israel and the U.S. The media was also to use the archives' resources, he said.

The most recent archival exhibit was at Queen's University. Upcoming displays are planned for B'nai Israel Synagogue in St. Catharines, and Beth Israel in Kingston.

Shalom Schacter presented a brief report detailing the incidence of battered women in Israel. He urged Jewish organizations to support shelters and programs which would help overcome the phenomenon of wife-battering which had affected 60,000 women, he said.

Cordon Bleu grad seeks recipes for Jewish foods

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Miriam Davidson remembers how her Toronto babba, the late Gittel Sniderman, would come down into the kitchen at 6 on Friday mornings to begin the Shabbes cooking.

"She would get out her pastry board and start with the baking; the dough, the cakes, the kugels, then the meat and chicken and tzimmes. . . ."

Later in the afternoon she would appear on the front lawn, freshly bathed and changed and looking for all the world like a lady of leisure who wouldn't so much as design to set foot in the kitchen.

To her daughters — home from school meanwhile — would fall the task of cleaning up, "starting from the ceiling and working their way down!" A job they didn't seem to mind, it seems, "because they knew how good everything tasted."

Memories of those Shabbes and holiday meals of long ago are still vivid and about a year ago, while sitting around with a couple of aunts and talking about, "what else, cooking, of course," the idea came to Mrs. Davidson of collecting those old recipes.

"My babba didn't leave a scrap of paper," she laments. "She just had a feel for it and whatever she tasted, she could make."

To Mrs. Davidson, Jewish cooking no longer tastes the way it used to. Today's young women "cook by the book," she says but the recipes in Jewish cook books "just aren't the same."

But she is convinced there are still many Jewish women around who cook the way their mothers and grandmothers did and it was to them — "Hamilton's finest balebostes" — that she appealed recently in the local Federation News and during a cooking demonstration on a cable TV Jewish program.

She is looking for those "authentic recipes that have never been written down," she explains. She will try them in her own kitchen and if they don't work, Mrs. Davidson is willing to bring her ingredients to the woman's home and cook or bake alongside her to learn exactly how she does it.

Re-creating accurately what those women do intuitively is going to be quite a job and she recalls with a chuckle how one caller recently began her recipe with "first you take a pan!"

The mother of two grown sons, one a commercial photographer in Toronto, the other a science student at U of T, Mrs. Davidson is a graduate of the Cordon Bleu School of Cooking in London, a course she took while her husband, pediatrician and geneticist Dr. Ronald Davidson, was working at a London hospital in 1963.

Both are Hamilton born and bred and returned here several years ago after living in Vancouver, Boston, Baltimore and Buffalo, when Dr. Davidson joined the McMaster University medical faculty.

She teaches baking in her home but a back ailment forced her to curtail her classes last year.

Testing recipes in preparation for a one-day seminar on Jewish cooking at Mohawk College later this spring, she is "elbow deep in chicken schmaltz" right now — the main ingredient that makes Jewish cooking taste really Jewish.

"Our arteries will probably clog up," she sighs "and we'll get very fat!" Yet Mrs. Davidson manages to remain attractively slim and trim.

Sephardic cooking, with its emphasis on fruits, vegetables and grains is much healthier, she concedes but to Jews from Eastern Europe "it just isn't Jewish cooking."

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SAT., MARCH 28 — SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON. The program will include one part of the series of talks being given by RABBI JOEL ROTH over that weekend. TOPIC: "THE BLOSSOMING OF HALAKAH". Adults, $3.50 - Children $1.50. Prepaid reservations no later than Wednesday, March 25.

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Handicapped centre honors Mandell

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

In New York City, the mayor, Edward Koch, designated March as "Mishkon Children's Home Month.

To most people, the name Mishkon is a mystery.

Yet this centre in New York City, in seven short years, has set standards in the care of emotionally, physically and mentally handicapped children from infancy through teen-age years that are internationally known.

It was founded in 1974 to create specifically Jewish environment for special and exceptionally handicapped children. Today, it operates adoption services, runs a foster parent program, maintains five group homes and offers pioneer psychological and psychiatric services.

Frances Mandell

The work of Mishlon psychologist, Dr. Ezra S. Gampel, in the field of autism was recently published in Discover, the science magazine of Time, Inc.

Mishkon serves about 120 children from Canada, United States and Israel. It has a waiting list of over 100. But these children will probably never get a chance to get into Mishkon unless the proposed Mishkon Rehabilitation Centre in Far Rockwaway, N.Y., gets off the drawing boards.

Chairperson of the building fund for the centre is Frances Mandell, a born Torontonian, daughter of famed philanthropists, Faye and Joseph Tanenbaum, and well known in Toronto for her work with the Associated Hebrew schools, Jewish National Fund and Canadian Cystic Fibrosis.

On March 29, Mandell will be the Mishkon honoree at a testimonial dinner at the Palace Hotel in New York City. Guests are expected from Canada as well as the U.S. Mandell will be cited for her efforts to give Mishkon a higher profile in the community and with various levels of government.

"Most publicity about Mishkon is by word-of-mouth," says Mandell. "It is the only centre of its kind serving children in a thoroughly Jewish environment in North America."

The centre, besides offering live-in accommodation, will provide a full-range of medical and rehabilitation programs with its own resident specialists, she says. Accommodation is planned for about 100 children.

Mandell is impressed with the range of disabilities the Mishkon Children's Home copes with every day. She said she saw children with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, mongolism and other forms of mental handicaps, autism and emotional disturbances.

Some children are multiple - handicapped. Others are normal but come from distressed homes which are causing maladjustment.

On her last visit to Mishkon, Mandell said, a distraught mother brought her twin daughters, age 1½ years, to Mishkon for help. Both were described as blonds with exquisite features. Physically, one was totally incapacitated, but mentally bright. The other was physically normal, but mentally a vegetable.

"It's impossible for most families to cope with problems on this scale," says Mandell. "They need the help of social support systems. For many Jewish people, it is comforting to find one that offers a Jewish milieu."

Each of the five Mishkon group homes, which are scattered around the Brooklyn area close to Borough Park, observe Shabbat, holidays and the dietary laws. "Children and youth love the special celebrations of the festivals, particularly Purim," Mandell says.

A past president of the parents' association of Associated Hebrew Schools, Mandell became chairman of transportation in 1971 and has held the position since. Responsible for coordinating the pickup of 900 children daily from seven different locations, she has made costs of transportation lower than at any other Hebrew school in Toronto. While others pay from $90 to $110 a month, her students only pay $60, she says.

While at Associated in the early 70s, she was one of the first to advocate integration programs for newly arrived Russian children and their parents. "We've never had a group of immigrants like the Russians," she says. "They are unusually well-educated, but also limited in their Judaic background."

She continued: "We can't expect them to fit into our Jewish community without helping them. We need to make them feel welcome. They need help finding jobs and making adjustments to a different way of life."

A founder of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in the early 60s, she is also an officer with the Jewish National Fund. Visiting Israel every year for the past 11 years, Mandell keeps in contact with all the institutions funded by the Faye and Joseph Tanenbaum Foundation. She acts as liaison for the foundation.

Married to stockbroker Marvin Mandell, she has three children, Auvy, 27, Gail, 21, and Jessica, 11. During the 60s, the Mandells were foster parents to two 16-year old girls from the Jewish Family & Child Service. Both foster children are now out on their own. One is married. The other is a lawyer.

In citing Mandell as the Mishkon honoree for 1981, Mishkon's executive director, Batsheva Mandel (no relative), described Frances Mandell as "menshlichkeit, a person who knows from hard, first-hand experience whereof she speaks, a person who knows what it means to give of oneself."

For further information, write Mishkon Children's Home, 4105 - 16th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11204. Phone number is (212) 851-6570.

Pictured at recent covenant breakfast are, from left: Charles Goldlust, Ted Greenfield, Abraham Foxman, Morley Wolfe, and Don Jubas.

ADL director tells BB council of need to root out anti-semitism

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Anti-semitism has replaced reason with irrationality in the world's behavior toward the Jewish community, thereby arousing fear for all Jews about future survival.

This is how Dr. Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League and director of its international affairs division perceives "our number one disease," anti-semitism.

In the world Jewish community anti-semitism has created anxiety in its highest level since World War II, said Foxman in a recent address to the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith at its 26th annual covenant breakfast.

His speech, entitled "Jewish Agenda for the 80s," stressed the need to root out anti-semitism. He said his experiences as a Holocaust survivor served as a major factor in this commitment.

"The world is different for Jews today than it was for my parents but the agenda is still the same," he said. "Jews must still fight anti-semitism, discrimination and particularly in the Soviet Union, extinction as Jews. But the difference today is that we are the post-generation of Auschwitz who have witnessed a State of Israel, and an 11th and 12th commandment: 'Never will we forget, and never again will we let it happen.'"

Foxman said: "Other children had a family, and I asked why I didn't. My perspective is colored as a Holocaust survivor . . . but in fact we're all survivors and all live with the Auschwitz trauma."

Born in 1940, Foxman was the only son of Polish Jews who fled to Vilna, Lithuania with his family and maid, trying to escape the Holocaust. His parents were taken to the concentration camp in Vilna, but Foxman was saved by the family's Polish Catholic maid who baptized the boy and called him her son.

By managing to get false papers which disguised her as the boy's aunt, his mother escaped from the camp and returned to Vilna. Foxman's father spent four years in concentration camps and then in the partisan movement in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

After the war he came back to Poland to reclaim his son, but the maid would not give up the boy, who was then five years old.

The Foxmans won custody in court, but the maid kidnapped the child. Former Jewish partisans helped get him back and smuggled the family to a camp for displaced persons in Austria. Four years later the Foxmans emigrated to the U.S.

Previously an attorney in New York, Foxman joined the Anti-Defamation the League in 1965 as assistant director of its law department. Presently he is a member of the American Academic Association for Peace in the Middle East, and is vice-president of the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Vicitms.

According to Foxman, Jews feel the impact of anti-semitism when there is "deadly silence and international law is broken."

His concern is that the "hush-hush attitude" of politicians and non-Jews to anti-semitism inevitably scars the Jewish community.

As an international expert on anti-semitism, Foxman was sent to Pris last October to study the size of anti-semitism in France, which culminated in the bombing of the Rue Copernic synagogue.

"There was no presidential statement speaking out against the atrocity until five days after the attack," he said, "and then it was to defend the integrity of the French police and to warn the Jewish community not to resort to counterviolence."

Foxman declared that major events such as the Yom Kippur War and the UN resolution equating Zionsim with racism, leave a negative impact on the Jewish community and breed further anti-semitism.

Besides Foxman's speech, the covenant breakfast program included a traditional candlelighting ceremony in recognition of B'nai B'rith members who made outstanding contributions to the community through volunteer work.

Larry Grossman, provincial minister of industry and tourism, congratulated B'nai B'rith members for showing examples of "values which Jews have had for centuries."

Robert Kaplan, solicitor-general of Canada, lauded B'nai B'rith for sending a brief compiled along with the Canadian Jewish Congress to the federal government on the human rights sector of the proposed Canadian constitution.

The consul-general for the State of Israel in Toronto, David Ariel, praised Canadian B'nai B'rith for its dedication and sensitivity to the issue of human rights. Ariel called on the organization to be in the forefront of a campaign "to combat the propaganda war against Israel, which is undermining the most basic human right of all — the right to exist."

CCCJ plans brotherhood dinner

Racists cause concern

KITCHENER —

As a result of a concern that "white racists are receiving too much publicity," the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will hold a brotherhood dinner as part of an "ecumenical happening" with United Church ministers.

The dinner will be held on April 7 at 6.30 p.m. in Bingeman Park Lodge, 1208 Victoria St. N., in Kitchener.

Joyce Strauss, co-chairman of the CCCJ in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, said the dinner was organized after Rabbi Philip Rosensweig from Beth Jacob Congregation in Kitchener phoned her to say that a group of United Church ministers were meeting to discuss the presence and publicity of the Ku Klux Klan in the area.

The result was to organize an ecumenical happening which will last for six weeks with various activities, including the dinner and concluding with an Easter service on the New Credit Reserve. Indians from the reserve have carved a 5-foot dove, the universal symbol of brotherhood, love and ecumenism, said Strauss.

Strauss said that through the clout of combined organizations, they will be able to go to the media and suggest that the KKK or Nazis should not receive any publicity. She said white racists are "media specialists" and it is hoped they can be stopped.

"We won't deal with white racists, we won't allow them to desecrate our property," she added.

"The dinner will be the highlight of the whole happening," said Strauss. She has invited Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, to speak on human rights and how they affect the Jewish people.

Other speakers will include Rev. Bob Rumball, minister in charge of missions for the deaf and brotherhood chairman of CCCJ this year; Rev. Pat Smith, a priest and chaplain at St. Mary's High School; and Victor Goldbloom, executive director of CCCJ.

Strauss said she hopes the dinner will be "a stepping stone for communications dialogue between all ethnic, racial and religious communities."

Members from Beth Jacob and the Reform synagogue Temple Shalom have said they will participate.

"We will try to indicate to the public that people are more interested in dealing with love than with hatred. We won't allow white racists to surface again," she said.

Tickets for the dinner are $12. For more information contact Joyce Strauss at (519) 885-6903.

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Home video business is starting to take off; uncensored movies available for private use

By JUDITH KNELMAN

TORONTO —

Traditionally, popcorn goes with movies. So it stands to reason that when movie nuts open a rental business they're going to have not one but two movies running and they're going to provide their patrons with a popcorn machine.

Beverley Golden-Billard and Beverley Ellis Kavanaugh are Jewish cousins in their early 30s who decided to start a business that would draw people who, like them, love the movies. Their new store, Videoflicks, on Avenue Rd. south of Fairlawn, is decorated with large posters so that the minute people step inside they'll feel as though they're at a theatre.

Right now, while the movie rental business is getting established, Kavanaugh is sticking with her job as a public school teacher, but is active in the organizational end and works in the store when she's not at school. Golden-Billard, a self-confessed movie nut who basks in the atmosphere she's created, holds the fort the rest of the time.

She's a chronic movie contest buff, and has won T-shirts, tickets and trips to Hollywood. Her favorite movies are old ones, especially musicals and comedies. Until the store opened she went to the movies once a week, but now that she lives in movieland her visits have tappered off.

She's intent on having all the classics available for rental on cassettes: Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire oldies, the Sherlock Holmes collection. Breakfast at Tiffany's. There are old TV favorites too, like the Star Trek series. And she says there's "an incredible ethnic library" in her shop, including many Yiddish films.

According to Golden-Billard, there is such a demand for home video movies that the major studios are going to release their films on cassettes within a month of their debut at movie houses. "People were black marketing videotapes and the studios weren't getting any money at all for them," she observed. "This way, they can get in on the boom."

An advantage for the home video customer is the absence of censorship in these movies. If they're shown in a theatre, they have to be passed by the censorship board, but for home use they're uncut. And parents can decide for themselves whether they want their children to see a particular movie.

To celebrate their opening, the cousins are offering a two-for-one special until March 21. Ordinarily, a member of their club, which costs $50 a year to join, pays $4.50 for each rental and a non-member $9, but for the promotion you can rent two movies for the same price. Their offerings include such recent hits as Fame, Xanadu, Nine to Five, Caddy Shack and Brubaker.

If you don't have the equipment and want to try it out, you'll be able to rent a machine and two movies for $50. Pick it up Friday morning, bring it back Monday afternoon, and fill up your living room all weekend. It's a great idea for party entertainment.

The store sells one brand of video equipment, the Hitachi top of the line machine, because it comes particularly well recommended. It has a remote control that allows the operator to perform such maneuvers as fast forward, freeze and reverse at a distance.

The machine costs $1,700, but as an opening special the store is throwing in free movie rentals, worth $170.

Other services provided by Videoflicks include a monthly newsletter to let club members know what's new in the store and a discount to members on flat tape and movie purchases. "We're trying to be very flexible," said Golden-Billard.

It's clear that to her this is not just a business venture. It's another trip to Hollywood, and this combination actress and business graduate is in her element.

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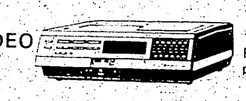
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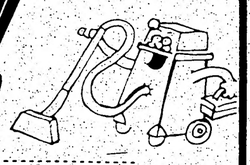
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Home-heating device can save energy costs

TORONTO —

The Furnace-Mate, a new heating accessory now being tested by Imperial Oil Limited at an independent laboratory, could cut the average user's energy costs by $120 a year, according to Imperial.

Most oil-fired furnaces can be equipped with the Esso Furnace-Mate. It operates by switching automatically from oil heating to electric heating at those temperatures when an oil furnace is less efficient (35F/20C). So, in spring and fall, when temperatures are more likely to rise above 35F, a home is heated with a renewable energy form — electricity; in the cold winter months, when full capacity is needed, the furnace will operate as an oil-fired appliance.

As a bonus, the unit can provide enough emergency heat to prevent pipes freezing should the furnace's burner fail in the winter.

The Esso Furnace-Mate is a product of Canada Thermofilm Limited and is designed to Imperial Oil's specifications. An application has been made for Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approval and, because it displaces more than 50% of oil (testing indicates a displacement of 55% plus), it qualifies under the federal government off-oil program for a 50% rebate.

Imperial has worked with both Ontario and Quebec Hydro in developing the Esso Furnace-Mate and it holds the exclusive rights to market the product. Approximately $75,000 will be spent on nine months of rigorous testing of a 5KV heater for 60-amp service and a 7.75 KV heater for 100-amp service.

The company's optimism is based on previous in-house testing and on feedback from Ontario Hydro. "It's a tremendous invention," says Tom Hennessy, fuel merchandising manager. "It will cut down on oil consumption by between 50-70% and provide a cost effective use of oil and electricity as well as prolong furnace life."

The system will be marketed and installed through the company's Esso Home Comfort centre and dealer network.

While testing now is well under way and results to date have been positive, the next six to nine months will be crucial to Imperial's plans for the Esso Furnace-Mate. But company officials seem confident the program will proceed.

Already there is some thought being given to a combination package featuring Imperial's energy-saving burner and the Esso Furnace-Mate. The total energy-saving potential of this package for consumers could be in the 35- to 40% range.

Condominium office opening shortly

TORONTO —

A sales centre for Manhattan Place condominium will be opening early in April at 5075 Yonge St.

Manhattan Place, according to the developer, "is already being referred to as a future landmark in North York." The condominium, with its clubhouse, will be located at Yonge and Sheppard and will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1982.

"Some purchasers are taking advantage of the interim prices in anticipation of increases once the sales centre opens and construction commences," the developer stated.

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Decorators offer some advice before you fix up your rooms

When you decide to decorate a room, collect all your fabric samples, including those for draperies, before you embark on any part of the project.

That advice comes from decorators who sometimes seem too meticulous and slow to their clients. It's equally applicable to those who prefer to do their own looking and coordinating.

Start with neutrals and build slowly. If your walls are going to be off-white and you want carpeting to match, whatever else you choose will blend nicely. But if you are coloring your walls or bordering that neutral carpet, it's best to wait for the total blueprint.

Before you consider any fabric, ask yourself some basic questions. What are the colors that you or members of your family absolutely cannot live with? It's not essential to do the room in your favorite color — after you've lived a while that can be a bore — but if green makes you feel sick or blue depresses you, steer clear of prints with the fatal shades.

Next, consider the feeling you're comfortable with. If you like the formality of Empire or Chinese Chippendale, you'll want to see traditional fabric samples. On the other hand, if glass, mirror, chrome and bright lights make you feel elegant, shop where there's a good selection of modern prints and geometrics.

Have in mind the intensity of color you like. Right now soft pastels, particularly pink, peach, beige and aqua, are being used a great deal because they enhance the soft, rounded lines of post-modern furniture. Sharply angular furniture is served well by white or neutral taupe shades.

If your furniture is unexceptional in shape, you can afford more interest in color, either through bold solid tones or bright prints.

When you have assembled your basic print and the solids you're going to pick up from it, it's time to think of such accents as throw pillows, side draperies and table covers.

Whether to have color interest on the floor and walls, and how much, is a consideration you'll be better equipped for once the rest of your sample package is assembled.

Delft Seder plate

Recently in Holland, an important re-issue took place.

Once again, art collectors and lovers of Jewish art and antiques can now own the Dutch Delft Blue seder plate, the ceremonial dish for the Passover feast, and four other plates with Jewish texts.

The history of these plates dates back to around the year 1650, when they were issued in a limited series in the Dutch town of Delft which is world famous for its Delft Blue ceramic works.

The original works of art are carefully preserved in a few museums in the world.

The exquisite and rare plates, of which the seder plate is one, will be re-issued in the next few years in limited editions.

A total of 275 pieces of the seder plate will be issued. Each plate has been individually hand-painted and bears the signature of the painter together with the individual number of the plate on the back.

Exclusive Jewish Arts in the Netherlands issued the plates, and in keeping with tradition, they are made by the craftsmen of the world famous Delft Blue workshop: De Porceleyne Fles in Deft, Holland. Each plate bears its hallmark at the back.

For information, contact Charles Chaplin Enterprises, (416) 781-0131, or write: 176 Davenport, Toronto.

Investors snap up Toronto luxury condos

Luxury condominiums are being bought up in downtown Toronto as fast as they can be built. In fact, options are being purchased before they're built, with takers being given the right to decide at a later date whether they want to buy or forget it.

The idea is to buy quickly, and to buy what's in demand.

The expectation is that prices will go up dramatically within the next few months in the condominium market. Visitors from more extravagant markets in the U.S., Europe and the two western provinces are convinced that our condominiums are too low in price.

They're buying them up to hang on for a year or two until our prices catch up with theirs. They figure they can't lose since condominiums are selling here from a base of about $130 a square foot, while in the U.S. it's $200 at the very least, and in Europe $500.

One Jewish widow came to Toronto for a visit from Vancouver and couldn't resist investing in a condominium here just because it was a good buy. She didn't look for it, didn't need it and won't live in it, but even if it stands empty for a while or rents below cost she is sure she can't lose.

With price hikes of 15-27 per cent being predicted by building sub-contractors, condominium prices, along with those in the rest of the new home market, are sure to go up in 1981. With the current rental apartment vacancy rate at less than 1%, condominium apartments will be in increasing demand.

The luxury condominium concept is a trend that has just recently caught on here, and trends mean red-hot markets. Whether the demand for apartments that cost $100,000 to $400,000 will continue as inflation limits disposable incomes is another question.

There are now more than 50 luxury condominiums in Toronto, where 10 years ago the concept was practically unheard of. If the demand peaks before the buildings now being planned to satisfy it are filled, prices may stabilize.

Videotaping those special occasions

TORONTO —

There are a few special moments in every person's life such as bar mitzvahs and weddings, that are worth preserving and capturing on film or videotape so they can be viewed and enjoyed in years to come.

For years now the traditional way to hold on to those memories was through still photography, but there is a new idea that may soon sweep the market — videotape.

And if tape does become popular, then Wlad Brodniewicz is hoping he can cash in on that market.

Brodniewicz came to Canada in 1974 and worked as a civil engineer for a number of years, but late last year he was laid off because of a lack of work. "I decided to go into the videotaping business about half-a-year ago," he said. "I use small TV-studio equipment."

Brodniewicz got his training in video while working on the Polish-Canadian program at Maclean-Hunter Cable TV. He felt he was well enough versed in the business to go out on his own, and that's how his business began.

Brodniewicz invested about $8,000 in equipment and now he's charging $960 for a full day's work and $580 for half-a-day of shooting. "I have a crew of three, and the tape is in full color with sound and can be played on a home video machine."

Brodniewicz can be contacted at 762-5544 or 766-0843.

Wlad Brodniewicz

Theo Lubbers, artist in stained glass.

Lubbers' stained glass windows

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — A room suddenly comes alive with light and color which have nothing to do with the number of lamps there nor the shades of its furniture upholstery. The mysterious agent of sudden multi-hued illumination is a combination of sunshine and Theo Lubbers' magnificent stained glass windows.

"Today's sterile architectural environments are easily humanized by the installation of stained glass," says Lubbers. His studio, at 350 St. Paul W. in the heart of Old Montreal, is filled with the suffused light of commissions in progress on the long "light table." They are designed not only with the intention to humanize but to complement the surroundings of which they are to become an integral part.

In private homes as well as civic buildings, Lubbers is concerned with the structural lines of a room, the style in which it has been decorated and the colors requiring emphasis or contrast. Themes can range from biblical for synagogues and churches to contemporary abstract or figurative for secular structures.

"Many architects are reluctant to let stained glass change a building because some artists don't set out to complement a setting but use it as a showcase for their personal style," Lubbers says, "In these cases, a building becomes a dichotomy of feeling. Rather, there must be an understanding and co-operation with the architect from the beginning."

The artist is indignant that the medium of stained glass has been relegated to a craft and deems his work to be in equal company with painting and sculpture. From the creation of the key or sketch to the laying out of a palette of color groupings, an artists's eye is at work.

Lubbers has four assistants who handle most of the glass cutting and leading with the same careful workmanship that he gleaned at art school in Holland. His own education was temporarily interrupted by World War II during which he joined the underground and as a result, was sent to a prison camp by the Gestapo. After completing his studies at the Jan Van Eyck Academie in Maastricht, the artist, decided against waiting for the reconstruction of his battered country.

"I emigrated to Canada in 1951 because that's where all the good guys, the liberators, came from," he reminisces.

From the Guild Studio in Ottawa, Lubbers struck out on his own, opening the Montreal studio that not only is involved in creating new windows but restoring old ones. At the moment, he is tending three of the sacristy windows damaged by firemen while quelling the blaze in the chapel of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Also in his care are some even older windows discovered behind a wall during reconstruction of the chapel. These are black with age and the lead has oxidized into papery strips that no longer retain the glass fragments.

Also to the artist's credit is the entire restoration of the elaborate St. John's Cathedral windows in Newfoundland. His commissions have their sources from Matapedia to California and in New York, Detroit and Toronto.

Montreal institutions boasting Lubbers' artistry include several synagogues, among them the Young Israel in Chomedey where the style of Chagall is brought to mind. Certain of Westmount's Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue's windows are Lubbers' creations as are those across the street at St. Andrew's. For the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob shul on Clanranald, Lubbers planned the designs.

The artist also caters to the domain of private homes. Lubbers explains that Victoriana's coming of age as antique within the past decade, has brought stained glass back into vogue. Now the art which dates from the 11th century transmits atmosphere colored light into the modern home via the revival of transom windows, stained glass door panels and Tiffany-style lamps.

She learned to cook in Winnipeg

Reference for processor users

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Two or three years ago food processors began popping up in everybody's kitchen. This year there's a new, shiny yellow vinyl kitchen tool much in evidence to go with the food processors.

It's not a gadget but a reference guide, and many processor users consider it an invaluable aid.

The Pleasures of Your Processor is the effort of a Montreal woman, Norene Gilletz, who learned to cook in Winnipeg, where she grew up. Jewish cooks from Winnipeg know how to adapt recipes, she says. They're good at using basic methods to combine what ingredients they have.

Because she likes to create and to improvise, she took to the food processor immediately. "When I got a food processor, my whole style of cooking changed," she said. She waded through the instructions and some lengthy recipes, then decided to try it out on her own.

That was four years ago. She got a machine in March 1977, practiced and experimented relentlessly, made a lot of mistakes, and conquered it within a few weeks. "I went through a month of disasters, but by May I had a cooking course going.

"It took me a month to learn how to pulverize onions," she recalled. "Nobody knew about turning it off and on, how to get texture."

Gilletz was the first teacher of Cuisinart cookery in Montreal. She started giving classes in her home, branched out into other aspects of cooking and baking, and a year ago opened a school.

Norene's Cuisine now employs seven teachers and runs courses in such specialized techniques as cake decorating and fish cookery. There's also a course for children.

The book she produced has sold 25,000 copies in a year, 5,000 of them in Toronto. It's designated on the cover as a kosher cookbook, but it sells all over the world to food processor owners who can use her techniques for their own cooking styles.

The "J" in J and N Publishing Ltd., which put out the book, is husband Joel, who handles the finances. "He tasted," says Gilletz, "but he said everything was good." Other tasters were her daughter, now 18, and two sons, now 17 and 14.

Success of the processor cookbook is no surprise to fans of Second Helpings, Please, a Montreal B'nai B'rith project edited by Gilletz in 1967. Now in its eighth printing, it's sold 100,000 copies.

"That experience made my book so much easier to write," she says. "I'd had to rewrite a lot of recipes, so I knew the language of cookbooks."

Home computers for everyone for a fairly reasonable cost are just around the corner

TORONTO — Radio Shack is close to marketing an inexpensive home computer that hooks up with your television set and telephone to provide access to a wealth of data accumulated and stored in the master system.

You can dial a number and press a few buttons to have the latest stock exchange report relayed over your TV set 20 minutes after it's hit the board in New York. Or you can ask for the front page of the newspaper, then flip, on the TV screen, through the rest of the paper.

More miraculous still, you can press a few buttons to let the computer know you have eggs, spinach and cheese in your refrigerator and want a few menu suggestions and cooking instructions, and in no time your TV screen will relay the information.

You won't have to wait until 1984 for this technological marvel. It should still be 1981 when it is on the market in Canada, as long as the federal government is willing. Radio Shack has applied to the department of transport for a license and is hoping to get the go-ahead this summer.

In preparation, the company held a one-day extravaganza at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto recently to show off its TRS-80 microcomputer. The public was invited to a "hands-on" demonstration of what the machine can do in the office, the schoolroom and the home for business, recreation, education and domestic management.

At home, the children can summon up information from the Encyclopedia Britannica. Or they can play games in color and call up colored charts and graphs.

It's simple to operate because you don't do the programming — Radio Shack does. You simply study the range of consumer, financial, educational and recreational programs, learn the codes that call them up, and absorb the information when it suits you to.

The basic ingredient, the computer, costs $279. To this you add the telephone interface at $299 and another interface at $49 for the TV screen. If you want a printer, that will cost about $300.

All this is no pipe dream. It's called Videotex and it exists in pieces (except for the printer) at local Radio Shack stores. It won't be in operation here until it's licensed, but it's already programmed and working in some parts of the United States.

Vertical window louvers make sense; let light in and maintain privacy

Vertical window louvers, which used to be strictly a commercial installation, are now gaining favor in residential window treatments. Unlike horizontal louvers, which gather dust, they're easy to maintain, and unlike roll-up shades, they let in light while maintaining privacy.

"They make a lot of sense," said Linda Silverberg, who should know — as owner of Linda Silverberg Designs of Thornhill, she sells window treatments. "They never have to go to the cleaners or be ironed or get straightened out because kids have pulled them," she pointed out. "On a door you can't beat them — they stack to one side and don't interfere with traffic."

There's enough choice that vertical shades work well in all settings, she said. They are stark rather than frilly, she conceded, but "you can pretty up a room in other areas without having to fill up a window. My daughter has a canopy bed and lots of ruffles, and the white vinyl louvers on her windows don't fight the decor at all."

While vinyl ones are at the top of her first list of recommendations because they're durable and relatively inexpensive louver material, she sells louvers in metals and textured fabrics as well. You can even get louvers custom-matched to your wallpaper.

The vinyls come in only four colors, white, taupe, blue-white and gray-green. There's a choice of 25 colors in metal, including bronze, navy, black and chrome.

Through the initial investment for vertical window shades seems high, they are easily convertible to other window sizes. You simply move the track and shorten or add to it. If it's longer, you get new louvers — but the expensive part of the blind is the track. For apartments, they're a sensible solution.

According to Silverberg, people who have just moved into a house often don't know what their decor or their furniture will be like, but their first purchase is window blinds. She recommends vertical louvers because the slats can be replaced if ideas on color or texture change later, when the rooms are fully decorated.

For a family room, she sometimes recommends the extra expense — 25% to 50% more than for vinyl — of fabric louvers. "The woven and the woolly ones look super with paneling." For a room with linen wallpaper, there are linen-look louvers that give a formal look.

She finds that people are treating windows alone rather than window walls now. "Instead of wall-to-wall sheers people are just decorating the window," she said. "Sometimes they soften the effect with a narrow tie-back drape at either side. It's a very pretty look."

What appeals to her especially about vertical shades is their adaptability to almost any window problem. They can be used on sky lights or walls that go up to cathedral ceilings. They can be put on irregular windows neatly and effectively.

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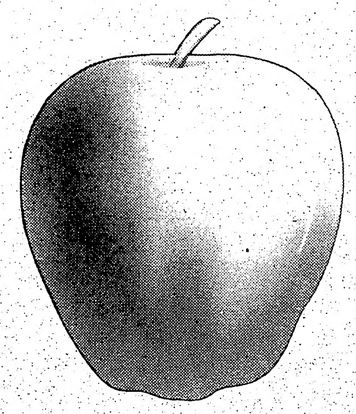

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Arts

Scene from "A Simple Tale," to be performed by the Habima National Theatre of Israel during Onstage 81.

Israeli theatre group performing in Toronto as part of festival

TORONTO —

The Habima National Theatre of Israel will perform A Simple Tale, adapted from the short story by S. Y. Agnon, during Onstage 81: The Toronto Theatre Festival, in May.

David McCaughna, publicity manager, says the festival will be the largest international theatre event in North America and in addition to the Israeli company, will include companies from across Canada, Great Britain, Poland, Scotland, the United States and Germany, presenting a total of 37 plays from May 11 to 31.

A Simple Tale will be performed in Hebrew and an actor will give the prologue in English.

The play presents a picture of life in the Jewish ghettos of Eastern Europe at the turn of the century. A young man is forced through family pressure to abandon the study of Torah and turn away from an orphan girl he loves so he can enter the family business and marry a wealthy landowner's daughter.

The Habimah Theatre was declared the national theatre of Israel in 1958, 40 years after it was established by Nathum Zemach in Moscow as the world's first professional Hebrew language theatre.

A Simple Tale has received favorable reviews in Israel, where it has toured extensively. It will be performed at the Music Hall Theatre, 147 Danforth Ave., from May 25 to 31.

"The Mac Paps," "Hamlet," "Maggie and Pierre," and "The Merchant of Venice" are just a few of the plays which will be presented during the festival.

The plays will be performed at one of the 20 participating theatres in Toronto, as well as at three performances at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Patrons can select a series from the new plays, Shakespeare, musicals, revivals of Canadian hits, satirical revues, children's theatre and cabaret performances, explained Shain Jaffe, executive director of the festival.

Productions are divided into three groups and a series is made by choosing four productions from the groups, he said. During the festival, there will be close to 300 performances, so series buyers can pick the date and time for each production they choose.

A series ticket is $35 for four weekday performances and $46 for four weekend performances, or a combination of weekday and weekend performances. Single tickets will go on sale to the public after April 15.

The festival is operating on a budget of $1,800,000, said McCaughna. He said 50% of the budget will come from the box office, $600,000 from the federal, provincial and municipal governments and $300,000 from the private sector.

For more information, call Onstage 81 at (416) 862-1091.

Celebration 33 Monday, May 11 at two theatres

TORONTO —

The premiere of the movie "The Chosen," based on Chaim Potok's best-selling novel, has been designed as a celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel and will be held for the benefit of educational institutions there.

Called Celebration 33, the event is co-sponsored in Toronto by the Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University, Canadian Friends of Haifa University, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation on behalf of the hospital's school of nursing, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhood on behalf of Hebrew Union College, the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto, Ontario Men's ORT and Toronto Women's ORT.

Toronto is one of many cities around the world in which "the biggest birthday party in 5741 years" will be held.

Scheduled for Monday, May 11, at 8 p.m., at the University and Eglinton Theatres, the event will also feature a one-time only screening of a filmed salute to Jewish culture and traditions by leading stars of the stage and screen.

Tickets are $100 each, with a tax receipt issued in the amount of $95 per ticket.

The beneficiares are receiving $80 per ticket sold for the night of the premiere plus a schedule of residuals once the film goes into general release next fall.

For information call the Toronto Celebration 33 office, 633-2100 or any of the participating organizations.

Not a truly fair version of life of Jews living on West Bank

TV

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

As wide as the grandest canyon, the yawning chasm between Jews and Arabs on the West Bank of the Jordan is frightening and tragic. Here the twain shall probably never meet. At best, the two sharply clashing communities are doomed to coexist in an uneasy peace.

This is the impression a viewer comes away with after watching a one-hour documentary on CBC TV's "The Fifth Estate" last week. It is a sombre vision, and one wishes it was otherwise.

Adrienne Clarkson, the hostess, builds the program around one town, Hebron, scene of Arab-Jewish communal violence for the past 50 odd years. Last May, six yeshiva students were murdered in cold blood in Hebron, and another bloody chapter was thus added to the Hebron chronicles.

In a series of interviews, which form the heart and soul of the program, Clarkson talks to Jews and Arabs who live in and around Hebron. They represent the militants, the committed ones, on both sides.

The Israelis Clarkson encounters are almost uniformly Jews from the Diaspora — religious Jews who study Torah, tend to swaddled infants, carry Uzi machineguns and proclaim that this land is theirs by biblical right.

Lieut.-Col. Freddy Zach, the military governor of Hebron, is practically the only Israeli portrayed who doesn't seem to have come from New York, Toronto or Australia. He was born in Iraq and has lived most of his life in Israel.

Most of the settlers in Kiryat Arba — the township overlooking Hebron — are natives of Israel, as opposed to new or temporary immigrants. Why weren't they interviewed? The question is pertinent, because one is led to believe by The Fifth Estate, inadvertently or not, that the West Bank is being colonized primarily by newcomers to Israel.

When they are juxtaposed against the Arabs of Hebron, who claim their land is being stolen and their traditional way of life being undermined, the picture which emerges is essentially asymmetrical.

Clarkson tries mightily to be fair to everyone, but her lack of symmetry is telling. She is saying, ever so subtly, that Arabs who have lived on their land for generations are being pushed off it by Americans, Canadians or Australians — allens.

Perhaps this is not her intention, yet this is the subliminal thrust.

Let's look at the protagonists. David and Sarah Landau, of New York, have "returned" to the Land of Israel. But in her ancestral country, Sarah Landau needs a Uzi. And when she and her husband shop in Hebron, they feel as if they have entered enemy territory.

Eliezer Waldman, the New York Jew who heads the local yeshiva, says openly he doesn't trust Arabs. He is proud of his students, who divide their day between religious studies and military training. Shraga Orzi, a Torontonian, says he never really felt at home in Canada. Moshe Levinger, the fiery spiritual leader of Kiryat Arba, is absolutely convinced his people have every right to be on the West Bank.

Arabs in Hebron are seen as victims — the farmer who has lost his fields to a settlement, the merchant whose building has been demolished by the Israelis, the geography teacher who conveys his deep feelings for Palestine to his students, the administrator who complains how Jews have "desecrated" the Mosque of Abraham.

In The Fifth Estate, Arabs are the underdogs — the Davids. Is this an inevitable function of military occupation? Clarkson seems to suggest so.

But, ultimatley, she gives Jews and Arabs their due. The Arab-Jewish confrontation in Hebron, she concludes, is a clash of culture, rights, religions and laws.

Adath Israel holding annual art auction Sunday, March 29

TORONTO —

Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., is holding its 13th annual gala art auction on Sunday, March 29. Its theme is a tribute to Jerusalem.

A 3-dimensional engraving by Israeli artist Sarinson called "Jerusalem of Gold" is the featured work. Specially engraved to create a marble and ivory look, this limited edition piece — signed and numbered by the artist — will go on sale at the afternoon preview, from 2 to 4 p.m. This is the first time Sarinson's work will be shown in Canada. Price is $75.

An evening preview will be held from 6.30 to 8. The auction begins at 8.

A free pen-and-ink lithograph will be given to every couple or individual attending plus a catalogue. Admission is $3 per person, and includes refreshments.

Works of 18 other prominent Israeli artists will be available, including those of Farhi, Agam, Nahshon, Yellin, Bat Shlomo, Gilboa and Engel. Offered will be original oils, enamels fired on copper, etchings, intaglios, lithographs, sculptures, farhigraphs, serigraphs, 3-dimensional engravings and orientals — all appropriately framed.

Sarinson's "Jerusalem of Gold" is featured work at upcoming Adath Israel art auction.

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Herman Reches, with one of his sculptures.

Remembers the shtetl

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Herman Reches is a retired cake decorator who has turned his skills from icing sugar to clay.

But instead of putting the finishing touches on cakes, Reches creates lifelike sculptures of scenes from shtetls and Shalom Aleichem's Tevye.

"In 1970 I moved to Israel from New York," Reches said. "I was retired and I decided to take a 3-month course in sculpture. I made three pieces in that time and it gave me a lot of pleasure."

Reches said most of his work had Jewish themes, and he continued to work with the clay in Israel. But his hobby activities eased for a while in 1976 when he came to Canada to live in London, Ont. His daughter and son-in-law had moved there and he wanted to be with them.

Around that time Reches began studying Shalom Aleichem. "I started to make a sculpture based on his works. I wanted to be able to explain to everybody, what Tevye was about, so I made a sculpture and then I wrote a script. Then I made more and more sculptures."

Eventually, he had enough sculptures to put together a slide show that featured his script and sculptures . . . telling the stories of the famed Yiddish writer.

"I don't want any publicity," said Reches, 68, "but I do want people to see my slide shows. It's important for the young people, especially, to know what a shtetl was. They shouldn't forget these things."

Reches said he would like to show his work to synagogues and Jewish groups. He has already presented it in London on a couple of occasions, and it has also been seen in Toronto.

There are 56 pieces in Reches' shtetl and the show takes about one hour to view. If you're interested in seeing the show, Reches can be contacted at (416) 226-3654.

Biography of George Orwell delves into his motivations

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

George Orwell — A Life
By Bernard Crick
Collins Publishers, $24.95

Two unforgetable books that depict the dangers and terrors of our age are "Animal Farm" (1945) and "1984" (1949).

In the first of these, George Orwell presented an elaborate fable of revolution betrayed. From this widely read satire came the popular quotation, "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." Written with delicacy it is, at the same time, a savage polemic against the horrors of fascists — either from the right or the left.

1984 is a novel about Utopia gone mad in which the state has achieved almost complete thought control. In the distorted society of Oceania no institution or practice is without some counterpart in our own world. Big Brother is watching everywhere. Deviation from orthodox belief of behavior means terrible punishment. The "big lie," mass hysteria, and the manipulation of language are weapons that confuse and control terrified citizens.

Orwell insisted that 1984 was not an attack on democratic socialism. "I do not believe that the kind of society I describe necessarily will arrive, but I believe that something resembling it could arrive. I believe also that totalitarian ideas have taken root in the minds of intellectuals everywhere, and I have tried to draw these ideas out to their logical consequences."

Born in India, Orwell managed to win a scholarship to Eton. Instead of going to Cambridge he enlisted in the Indian Imperial Police and spent five unhappy years in Burma.

Eager to write, he made his way to Paris. Through a combination of public charity and a variety of odd jobs he managed to survive, tasting the bitterness of extreme penury. "Down and Out in Paris and London" is an account of his experiences with a vivid depiction of the tramps and outcasts who were his companions. His description of the filth of the kitchens in smart Parisian restaurants where he worked as a dishwasher is enough to turn the strongest stomach.

In 1936 he went to Spain to write articles about the civil war, but felt compelled to enlist in the military force of the anarchist — affiliated P.O.U.M. organization, fighting on the side of the Loyalists. A bullet wound in his throat ended his military career. "Homage to Catalonia" (1938) is an outspoken and bitter work in which he tells how the Communists and their allies deliberately invented a "plot" in Barcelona as a pretext for destroying the P.O.U.M.

It is disconcerting to learn that in his younger years he was infected with a mild, rather conventional form of lower middle class anti-semitism of which there are more than traces in Down and Out in Paris and London and in his "Wartime Diaries." In time, however, he purged himself of these sentiments and became, himself, a butt for antagonism and hatred by the anti-semitic fringe.

In the tradition of Jonathan Swift, Orwell was moralist, satirist and social critic. He was a lover of nature, books, plain speech and clear writing. He treasured individuality, tolerance and the egalitarian spirit. He hated mass production, overbearing intellectuals, bloated government, censorship and political repression. His early death at 47 was a tragic blow to literature and the cause of freedom.

Bernard Crick is a professor of politics at the Universtiy of London. His splendid 400-page biography is an attempt to write about Orwell delving into his motivations, psychological needs and problems, or the contradictory nature of the personality. He allows Orwell to speak for himself, and approaches his subject, as it were, from the outside.

How true it is that the labor of writing a fitting biography "involves a prolonged and strange mixture of love and critical distance, of commitment and restraint."

Bikel, Soreanu to perform

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Two of today's major-established Jewish musical theatrical stars — Theodore Bikel and Mary Soreanu — will be on stage in Toronto in back-to-back performances March 28 and 29.

Bikel will appear (courtesy Mizrachi) at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium on March 28, and Ms. Soreanu will star in her first stateside Yiddish musical-theatrical triumph, "The Girl from Tel Aviv," (courtesy United Organizations for Histadrut), also at the Minkler, on March 29.

Theodore Bikel's name needs no further introduction. Born in Vienna, arriving in Eretz Israel at age 13, he joined Habimah in 1943, which he left a year later to help found the Israel Chamber Theatre.

In 1946, Bikel entered London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art from which he graduated with honors. While working in several London small theatre productions, he was seen by Sir Laurence Olivier, who offered him a role in his production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" starring Vivien Leigh. Bikel soon took over the second male lead, Mitch.

His screen and stage triumphs are too numerous to mention. Suffice to say that they include starring roles in "My Fair Lady," "The Defiant Ones" and "Fiddler." He has been nominated repeatedly for Emmys and Oscars. He is the president of U.S. Actors Equity.

While a student in London, Bikel began to develop an interest in the guitar and in folk music as another professional endeavor. Now one of the world's best known folk singers, he maintains an active concert schedule.

His involvement in Jewish affairs has increased in recent times and he has been actively identified with the Lubavitcher Chassidic movement during the past six years.

His most recent recordings are "Silent No More," the freedom songs of Soviet Jews based on tapes smuggled out of the USSR; "For the Young," and a contemporary seder: "The Fifth Cup."

Yiddish musical theatre remains alive and well, with its source today in Israel, thanks largely to the efforts of Mary Soreanu, an attractive and dynamic rich-voiced songstress whose musicals which have been seen in New York ("The Girl from Tel Aviv," "Rebecca, the Rabbi's Daughter" and "Wish Me Mazel Tov") cap a long, distinguished career spanning more than a decade in Tel Aviv.

The truly amazing fact about Soreanu is that Yiddish was not the family tongue of this Romanian-born actress — even though it was spoken by parental relatives — who only learned and cultivated it after she immigrated to Israel.

Barbra Streisand look-alike launched

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Cheryl Rolin

Cheryl Rolin is a psychiatric nurse who looks like Barbra Streisand. She can sing like Streisand too — although she fought that part of the resemblance for years.

Recently she decided to take advantage of their similarity in appearance to launch a career as a pop singer. She put together an hour-long program of songs that Streisand has made famous, enlisted pianist Naomi Lander to work out musical arrangements, and went on stage at Pears, an uptown cabaret, for two weekends.

She emphasizes that the Streisand routine is just one stage in what she hopes will be the development of her own distinctive style and career. But it's helped raise her from amateur to professional status, and it's brought audience rapport. "I'm just doing the songs as a tribute," she said. "I have to be careful, because in the process I set myself up for comparisons."

At the moment, comparisons wouldn't be fair — but then Streisand wasn't an immediate hit either. There was the time, in the late 50s for instance, when she was booked into The Towers, Winnipeg's poshest nightclub, for two weeks and left ahead of schedule because hardly anyone came to hear her.

Cheryl Rolin began as a folk singer. "I'd get gungho about once a year and when a place like The Groaning Board or Egerton's or Harbourfront put on an amateur night, I'd take advantage of it.

"Then a couple of years ago I decided to take lessons so I could get into pop. Folk had sort of fizzled out as a market. And I discovered I liked pop much better because I could communicate with my audience and I can be light instead of sad and melancholy."

She's been a nurse for four years and sees no hitch to having two jobs. Does her psychiatric environment help her artistry? She claims it's made her a more responsive and outgoing singer. "I used to hide securely behind my guitar and wallow in self-pity," she says, "But now, I've come out of myself."

Satok at Koffler

TORONTO —

Ronald Satok, a muralist, painter, sculptor and lecturer has brought his first retrospective show, entitled "New York to New York" to the Koffler Gallery in the Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst. The show continues to April 9.

The 15-year retrospective covers the period from 1963 to 1978.

Satok, who is now blind, has worked and studied in Japan, London, Mexico, New York and Toronto. A gallery spokesman says "his muralist skill is seen in the wall paintings and drawings done in pastel on huge rough-textured sheets of handwoven (kumohada) Japanese paper."

Bas-relief wood sculptures, colored inks, lithographs, charcoal drawings, tapestries, stained glass and jewelry are also part of the display.

One of Satok's many commissions was the mural spanning the foyer of the Hockey Hall of Fame building at the Canadian National Exhibition. There is also, added the spokesman, an original Satok drawing from the "Time Series" based on the Book of Ecclesiastes (in homage to the late President Kennedy), in the collection of the late Golda Meir.

In 1976, when he was 44, Satok completed his Masters of Fine Arts in Mexico and began work on his doctorate in art and art education at Columbia University, but diminishing eyesight intervened. He is completing his doctorate in Toronto and plans to bring to Toronto schools a stage performance entitled "Ronald Satok: Then and Now."

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Travel

During recent March school break, Williamsburg color guard honored visitors from Canada.

Plenty for tourist to see on motor trip to Florida

By JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON —

The United States capital is a good place to start sightseeing on a lesiurely motor trip to Florida's vacation land. It is a city filled with enough attractions to keep you several days — a week if you can spare the time.

Park your car for an afternoon or morning and take a city sightseeing bus tour. You will get a look at the White House, the Jefferson Memorial, the impressive monumental Lincoln Memorial, the tall Washington Monument with its 500-foot high observation gallery for an overall view of the city.

Whether or not the bus takes you to the Capitol, take time to visit the massive legislative building. See the National Art Gallery where the guides will even help you take pictures. Visit the John F. Kennedy grave, the Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts, the Smithsonian Institute, the headquarters of the Organization of American States where there is a chair waiting for Canada's occupancy. And pay your respects at the Canadian embassy.

There is much more in Washington, if you have the time, with many good restaurants specializing in fish from the Chesapeake Bay area.

From Washington continue southward through Virginia and the Atlantic coast area.

Stop at Richmond, capital of the state of Virginia, and the heart of the civil war region. Some of the homes of plantation owners are still to be seen in Richmond, though the city suffered much during the civil war of the 1860s. The state capitol is one of the finest in the United States, its lobby lined with sculptures of eight state-born men who became presidents.

There are guided tours of the nearby civil war battlefields.

Then head for colonial Williamsburg, a restored pre-revolutionary town where the Union Jack of 1770 still flies over the legislative building. This is a living town of 200 years ago, with people occupying the old homes, craftsmen making pottery, furniture, glassware and cobbling shoes as in the days before 1776. There are old inns which serve food of the period in the manner of the time, including huge white damask napkins tucked under your chin and waiters in wigs and colonial clothing. Try the peanut soup — it's different.

Nearby are civil war battlefields, Jamestown Colonial National Historical Park where the British settled in 1607. Replicas of the three small ships in which they came are anchored in the bay.

If ships interest you, there are the big United States naval bases at Norfolk and Newport News nearby. The Mariners Museum at Newport News is one of the finest anywhere — even has some of the miniature two-man submarines of World War II, sections of old whaling ships, Eskimo kayaks, and models of early trans-Atlantic liners.

Close by is the James River where you can visit old plantation homes built by descendants of the first British settlers.

You can have your first look at the Atlantic Ocean at Virginia Beach. The water may be a bit cold for swimming, but the fishing is good from piers, inland waters and inlets, and in the blue ocean. There are dune rides, walks along the boardwalk and plenty of hotels and motels.

From here on south are numerous beaches along North and South Carolina shores and Georgia. You'll find dozens of golf courses open in those three states. If you have youngsters along, this is the area where kite flying is popular because of the ocean breezes.

Take a few hours to visit Savannah, port city in Georgia which is being restored to its pre-civil war appearance along the waterfront. There are interesting small parks in the downtown area laid out by British Gen. James Oglethorpe over 230 years ago, old homes open to visitors, and inns for dining where pirates once came to dine.

The coast of Georgia is dotted with islands once used by pirates, and its beaches lined with luxury hotels. Visit Jekyll Island, now a state park, but a millionaires' private domain at the turn of the century. It has many fine motels, deer running wild among huge oak trees, excellent sea fishing, and a rookery where giant sea turtles lay their eggs each spring.

Nearby Sea Island has several old British forts recalling the days when England and Spain fought for possession of this area.

Just to the south starts Florida.

Just inland a bit is Waycross, Georgia, where you will find the Okefenokee Swamp worth a visit. It is a national wildlife refuge with alligators, white cranes, wildcats and many other animals. You travel the swamp in flat-bottomed boats poled through the dark waters. Spanish moss hangs from tall cypress trees along the narrow streams.

Passover at Grossingers

A seder that is like no other seder

By LARRY FROMMER

A family of 1,500 is coming to seder at Grossingers next month.

They will arrive from everywhere; the big eastern cities of the United States and Canada; the heartlands, the far West, yes even from overseas to celebrate Passover at the house that Jennie built. They will come for seder, stay on for nine days, and spend $600 to $900 (U.S.) per person in the process.

This is not a family in the generic sense; only in the Grossinger sense. For this great grandaddy of Catskill hotels seems to possess an uncanny knack for transforming 1,500 strangers at Passover time, into family.

Perhaps it is the great Grossinger tradition for hospitality — a legacy perpetuated by four Generations of the Grossinger clan, or the intrinsic warmth and beauty of the Grossinger seder ritual and the daily Passover services, or that members of the Grossinger family traditionally have forgone their own seders in order to break matzos with the guests.

Or perhaps, when you get down to it, it is simply the Grossinger mystique.

Whatever, to so many, for so long, Grossingers has been home for Passover. Some have been coming for decades and when they check out at the termination of the Passover week, they reserve the same accommodations for next year. By the last day of Passover 1981 the hotel will be half sold out for Passover 82.

It is a little short of sacrilege to talk about material matters when exploring such a phenomenon as the Grossinger Passover mystique but the fact remains that even Grossingers' uniquely splendid sense of family cannot endure without nourishment, and the feeding of 1,500 Passover guests is a phenomenon in itself. In fact, it is an exercise in culinary craftsmanship and larder legerdermain which fairly boggles the mind, not to mention the tummy.

Passover at Grossingers actually begins in November, when the hotel orders completely new sets of Pesachdik meat and dairy dishes to the tune of $100,000. Fortunately this hefty investment is partially amortized over the entire year because the patterns of the Passover dishes are indentical with those of the year-round genre and once they have served their Passover apprenticeship they instantly become a part of the regular inventory as a replacement for breakage.

Come mid-March and the hotel will order enough Passover vittels to decimate a military commissary and a half-dozen supermarkets. You'll never believe the grocery bill! As starters: 2,000 dozen eggs, 3,000 chickens, 500 ribs, 1,000 gallons of milk, 3,300 pounds of sugar, 250 pounds of butter, 120 cases of matzos, 1,500 pounds of cake meal, 3,000 pounds of coffee, 10,000 tea bags, 250 pounds of hard candy, 1,900 bottles of club soda and ginger ale, 100 cases of wine, 100 cases of grape juice and 25,000 tablets of saccarine.

Get this. For the first Passover seder meal alone Grossinger guests will consume some 2,000 pieces of gefilte fish — dipped in 150 pounds of horseradish. For each meal served during Passover they will eat 2,400 pounds of cake, 300 pounds of matzos and 100 gallons of mayonnaise.

Calorie counting is out during Passover. The Grossinger kitchen reports that 25% more food is prepared during Passover week than during any other week of the year in deference to the tapeworm syndrome of guests who are far more inclined to stuff themselves with second helpings or order more items from the menu.

To assemble, prepare and serve this Passover bounty there is a kitchen and dining room cast of hundreds with the leading roles going to an executive head stewrd, a meat chef, a dairy chef, a pastry chef and a chef garde manager.

Under these are a hierarchy of bit players including sous chefs, dishwashers, silverware polishers, waitresses and busboys.

So massive and compartmentalized are the Passover dining functions that there is one person in the Grossinger kitchen who does nothing but peel onions.

One of the trickiest aspects of Grossinger Passover preparation is conversion of the kitchen from its normal chametz environment to a state of perfect Pesachdik. The 2-day process is precarious, requiring a delicate balance between easing into Passoverland while simultaneously serving meals to pre-Passover guests right up to the 11th hour.

In an extremely amusing and informative article in the magazine Jewish Living, its editor, Howard Eisenberg, points out that over the years a staggered system has been developed that koshers one bank of ovens at a time, beginning two days before the first seder and concluding just in time to serve the first Passover meal.

"The largest meat oven is 12 feet long and as tall as a basketball player," Eisenberg indicates. "It takes three men to clean it. Then the mashgiachs take over with their blowtorches."

Eisenberg adds that soup vats and selected items of cookware are scoured and koshered every year, although 80% of the pots and pans are new for Passover and that some 25,000 pieces of silverware are burnished by the staff and boiled by the mashgiachs during the last night before Passover.

Describing the dismantlement of the bake shop, Eisenberg points out that the bakers bake and freeze enough rolls for the last pre-seder days and then close down for a day of rest. "Toasters, waffle irons, deep fryers and the baker's prize dough roller are banished into the cellar store room. Then the bakery is scrubbed, scoured and blowtorched as if the crumbs carried bubonic plague."

The exorcising of chametz is not restricted to the kitchen and bake shops. Many of the guest rooms have mini-refrigerators which are thoroughly scoured and then lined with heavy tinfoil.

Those finicky overseers of the Grossinger galleys, the meticulous mashgiach, would be hard pressed at Passover time to handle the extra work load with their normal complement of two. So for Passover week the mashgiach work force doubles and all report to the boss mashgiach, more reverently known as Rav Hamaschshir.

One of the casualties of the Grossinger dining room during Passover is the inevitable loss of haggadahs, necessitating a high percentage of replacement each year. Though the official line on this persistent attribution is "spoilage due to wine and grape juice spills," there is some suspicion that the haggadah is second only to the afikomen as a target for the light-fingered of Passover.

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Alarming number of battered wives is worldwide problem says Israeli

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Battered women are giving Israel a black eye.

But the blows so many Israeli wives receive from their husbands are no more than married women get in other countries which are male-dominated, according to a leading Israeli feminist.

"Wife-beating is an international phenomenon common to all patriarchal societies," says Ruth Rasnik, founder and director of a shelter for battered women in Herzlia.

"It is more or less exacerbated by outside pressures. A strained economy, insecure borders, and expensive and insufficient housing doesn't help the situation," she added.

Rasnik is on a North American tour of major Jewish organizations to mobilize support for reversing the incidence of battered women which she estimates at about 100,000 women in Israel. She has spoken to ORT, Pioneer Women, Hadassah-WIZO, National Council of Jewish Women, Friends of Pioneering Israel.

"Israel's top criminologists have told an interparliamentary commission now investigating cases of battered women that there are almost 50,000 women in Israel who have been attacked by their husbands."

But Rasnik, who is a member of that commission, questions the estimate. Many women are loathe to come forward out of fear; others, out of shame, she said.

Rasnik's shelter, the Carmel Nakash Women's Aid Centre, is in Herzlia. The name commemorates a wife murdered by her husband in a fit of anger. Over one-half of the murders in Israel are murders of wives by husbands, claims Rasnik.

Rasnik, 49, has been fighting on behalf of women like Carmel Nakash since 1972. She was a founding member of the femininist movement in Israel in 1972, of Shulamit Aroni's civil rights movement in 1973, and the party co-ordinator of the Women's Party in 1977.

She started her shelter for battered women in 1978 in a small house in Herzlia — which is known for its wealthy residences and luxury hotels on the beach. Today, this shelter has outgrown its humble quarters and Rasnik is looking for larger accommodation in Tel aviv.

Since the shelter opened, 367 women and 400 children have passed through its doors. In the first 10 months, 600 wives appealed for help but most had to be turned away because there was no place for them.

Although the maximum is not supposed to be more than 25, today 32 women and children are sleeping back-to-back in three small rooms that have been totally converted for sleeping. The other rooms in the house are a small galley-style kitchen and a washroom.

On weekends, as in other countries when the work week ends, violence in the home erupts, and calls start to come in. "Many married women live lives of terror," says Rasnik. "They literally plot their lives around not being beaten."

"Wife-beating is a major social crisis in Israel which cuts across all class lines — just as it does everywhere else," she says.

She said she had been called by the wives of men in the diplomatic corps, professions, business, and even from ultra-religious Ashkenazi groups.

However, the largest number of battered women are from the non-Ashkenazi community. It is here the patriarchal authority tends to be strongest, she notes. As well, it is this group which is most severely affected by social and economic tensions.

Although the shelter has women ranging in age from 16 to 68, the largest groups are in their early 20s and mid-30s.

It is Rasnik's theory that the breakup in extended families has deprived women of the protection they used to get from other family members who would often intercept family violence.

Relationships in the nuclear family are more strained, she says.

In her tours across Canada, the U.S. and Britain in the last two years, Rasnik says she has been approached regularly by women whose husbands slap, beat, rape and lock them up.

The urge to control women is part of the battering syndrome, she says. The battering husband typically likes to place rigid time-and-place restrictions on his wife's activities.

Rasnik condemns the residual social more in which a wife is still regarded as a chattel, a property to be managed at will.

She has harsh words for Israeli divorce laws which disallow divorces to women unless permission — or a "get" — is first granted by the husband.

She is further angered by male psychiatrists and psychologists who try to rationalize the husband's anger and, in "the ultimate insult, look for provocation in the women."

Depression is commonly treated with tranquilizers.

Black eyes and body bruises are common among battered wives.

Woman's hair has been pulled out and her shoulders are heavily bruised.

Most women who attempt to notify authorities — or obtain divorces are threatened with their lives, says Rasnik. The wife's family is also in jeopardy of repercussions from an angry son-in-law, she says.

Caught in a desperate situation where there seems no way out, many battered women attempt suicide. Of the 367 women who stayed at the Herzlia shelter, more than 90% tried to kill themselves, says Rasnik.

Nevertheless, despite the horror stories she hears daily, Rasnik says times are changing. Organizations such as Combatting Violence Against Women (CVAW) — which Rasnik helped establish — are taking big steps in promoting public awareness of the problem.

Increasingly, when MKs, municipal authorities, police and the media are presented with evidence, they are shocked, sympathetic and ready to help. Investigations are being launched by universities, governments and the media, she says.

Since Rasnik and her group, CVAW, have approached social service agencies and the police, referrals to the shelter accelerated rapidly. With more women now speaking openly, more guilty husbands have been identified and reprimanded.

As police demonstrated that marital violence would not be tolerated, the number of complaints to the Herzlia shelter dropped almost 40% in the last year.

Besides a shelter in Herzlia, there is one in Haifa which opened in 1977, and another in Jerusalem since February. All operate communally with the women sharing duties in shopping, cooking, housework and child-care. Many work.

The major psychological thrust of the shelter is "to offer the women the love and caring they have been denied in their marriage," says Rasnik. On a practical level, there is counselling and a social support system.

Social support from police, municipal authorities and social services give the women options either to rehabilitate the marriage — or leave — whichever is more viable, says Rasnik.

She points out that for most battered women, "rapping" with others is their first attempt to share experiences. They stop individualizing the battering problem and see it for the social phenomenon that it is.

For Rasnik, her moment of greatest satisfaction comes when she sees smiles on the faces in the shelter. "I know its the beginning of turning a beaten, subservient victim into a human being with a sense of dignity and strength."

Those interested in the program for battered women in Israel can contact Rasnik at the following address: Combatting Violence Against Women, 68 Sokolov St., Herzlia, Israel.

Rasnik says the organization is aided by volunteers from not only women's organizations, but schools, kibbutzim and even wives of the U.S. diplomatic corps.

Funding, she says, is now in a state of crisis. A shortage of funds has forced the Herzlia municipality to cut off the rent subsidy for next year. Rasnik hopes her appeals for help in North America will not go unheard.

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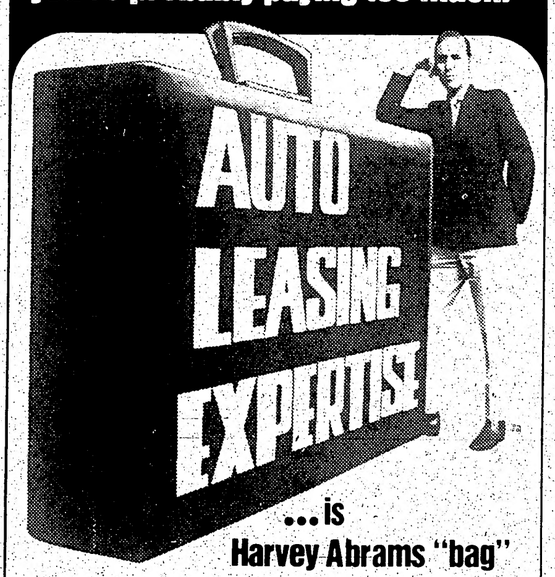

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Concert for Pre-Schoolers, they can jump, jiggle, and join in with Ruth Balfosky and guitar, babies welcome, March 25th, 3:00 pm at Earl Bales Park Community Centre. 50 cents per person. Info 633-7592. 19

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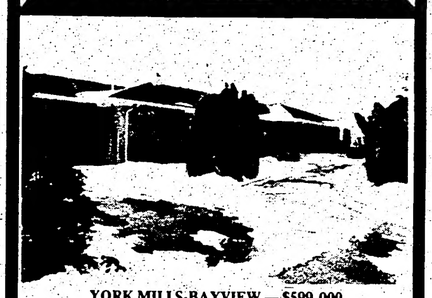

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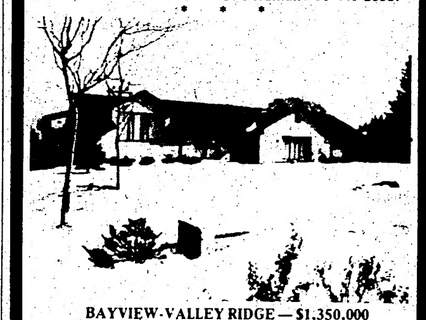

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These students are studying at one of the yeshivot for baalei tshuva [repentants] in Jerusalem.

Balei tshuvah hosted in Jerusalem yeshiva

By JAMES LEWIN

JERUSALEM —

The rambling stone structure located on Mount Zion, reputedly the Tomb of King David, was built by the Turks in the 17th century. Since the Six Day War it has been serving as the home of the first yeshiva in Jerusalem aimed specifically at "baalei tshuvah" (repentants) — i.e. formerly not-so-religious students, many of them Americans, who seek a firmer grasp of their traditional roots.

The majority remain only a short time in the yeshiva setting. Others, like Yoel Baks from Los Angeles, choose to take seriously Rabbi Mordecai Goldstein's demand for "total commitment with whole body and whole being" to learning and practicing the way of Torah. The resulting "deep inner transformation" of the personality is the real raison d'etre of perhaps all organized religion.

"I encountered my true self and the Eternal Creator," says Yoel Baks. "Now I know why I'm in the world and what I'm supposed to be doing, and my only problem now is to do it."

What is the real nature of this inner change in one's being? Avi Goodfriend of Chicago, another of the long-term scholars in the yeshiva context, offers a seemingly paradoxical explanation: "On the one hand everything and on other hand nothing. Before I came to yeshiva, I took care of business and now I still take care of business. The difference is the intention to serve HaShem. Every aspect has to be continually checked within yourself."

There are, of course, those who have strong reservations about these yeshivot. Anglo-Jewish writer and journalist Chaim Bermant (himself an Orthodox Jew) recently wrote in the London Jewish Chronicle about one of these institutions: "I know that institution and others like it, and none are so lost as those who have been saved by them. I should imagine that most of their students would be better off on the streets."

But Issachar ben Avraham from Hartford, Conn., has no such doubts: "Now I am more aware of myself and am able to express my feelings about things more honestly. Also, I am more active, more involved. Just living in Israel seems to put more demands on you. There's no more time to just 'hangout.' You have more important things to do."

Wolf Shalom Webber, one of the central figures in running yeshiva business, was more specific about the background of the institution. Being part of the organization, he emphasized, involves more than merely "putting on the religious kit" of skullcap and fringes. "Most English speaking yeshivas do not offer the fully developed system of learning which Rabbi Goldstein has received directly from the son of one of the greatest disciples of the Hefets Haim, who in turn received it from the Gaon of Vilna and from there straight back to Mount Sinai."

About half of the approximately 100 full-time students at Diaspora Yeshiva are married. The yeshiva is their life and they in turn are totally devoted to following the great sages of the Talmud.

Another institution with a different approach, Yeshiva Aish Ha-Torah appeals to a larger number of students with less long-term involvement. Perhaps typical of his fellow students, Shmuel Norris of Aish Hatorah explains what first drew him to the yeshiva world in very personal terms. "I felt there had to be something more to life than just making a living."

"I spent a year in Europe, working as an English teacher in Madrid, and slowly beginning to get interested in keeping the Sabbath and other aspects of Torah life. But I didn't really know how to go about it until I came here to the yeshiva."

Rabbi Noah Weinberg, head of the Aish HaTorah Yeshiva is well known for his success in redeeming alienated souls of the younger generation of Jews.

"People often fail to appreciate that the original source of humanism such as the ethics of loving one's neighbor and being your brother's keeper is, in fact, the Jewish religion. The torah teaches us to take pleasure in life and to love one another and take reponsibility for our own personal involvement in society. We need to find real pleasure and meaning in our own life because this is why we were created."

Over 3,000 students participate in classes and programs at Yeshiva Aish HaTorah every year. About 200 currently live and study in the yeshiva on a long term basis. Rabbi Weinberg emphasizes a non-ritualistic, what might be called a practical existential approach, to the wisdom of the sages. His stated purpose is to spread Jewish consciousness and awareness in the world.

A similar program of Jewish studies is offered at Yeshiva Dvar Yerushalayim, under the aegis of British-born head Rabbi Baruch Horovitz. More than 160 students give full time effort to their involvement at Davar Yerushalayim, with English, Hebrew, French and Spanish programs available.

The average day begins with classes from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., with afternoon Ulpan for non-Hebrew speakers and evening classes in philogy, the relation of scientific thought to Judaism, chassidic thought and open discussion forums on whatever is of concern to the yeshiva students and their instructors.

Most of the student body stay for a year or two in the yeshiva. The basic purpose of instruction, according to Dvar Yerushalayim's Rabbi Krupnick, is to develop enough skills to enable students to continue learning independently after completing their formal studies.

Distinguished as probably the most highly academic and intellectual of the baal tshuvah yeshivas, a fourth possibility for students seeking an introduction to Jewish philosophy and practice is Yeshiva Or Samayach. Special features of this institution include an American branch at Muncie, N.Y., which serves as U.S. liaison office for yeshiva students returning to Israel.

OBITUARIES

Abrams, Joseph, on Mar 9/81, late #2501-355 st. Clair Ave. W.
Berofe, Rebecca, on Feb 25/81, late of 111 Ridelle Ave.
Brill, Gertrude, on Mar 8/81, late of 25 Northcliffe Blvd.
Brooker, Ida, on Mar. 1/81, late of 2603 Bathurst St.
Curtiss, William, on Mar 6/81, late of 42 Golden Rd.
Fischoff, Henry, on Mar 6/81, late of #1103-7 Jackes Ave.
Geduld, Lena, on Feb. 26/81, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Gilbert, Esther, on Mar. 10/81, late of 10 Weatherstone Cres.
Goldman, Sarah, on Mar. 8/81, late of #711-6250 Bathurst St.
Gorbet, Sally, on Feb. 26/81, late of 10 Tangreen Ct.
Goulding, Jerry, on Mar. 9/81, late of 27 Wilberton Rd.
Hochman, Oskar, on Feb. 26/81, late of 2 Ridgevale Cr.
Kleman, Nathan, on Mar. 3/81, late of 103½ Grace St.
Kline, William, on Mar 9/81, late of #211-665 Roselawn Ave.
Robins, Alan, on Mar. 10/81, late of 1323 Woodbine Ave., Sudbury.
Rotman, Jennie, on Mar 9/81, late of 880 Lawrence Ave. E.
Warschauer, Heinz, on Feb. 27/81, late of 2 Ridelle Ave.
Winston, Esther, on Mar. 6/81, late of 405 Clendenan Ave.
Zysman, Henrietta, on Mar. 6/81, late of #712-35 Canyon Ave.

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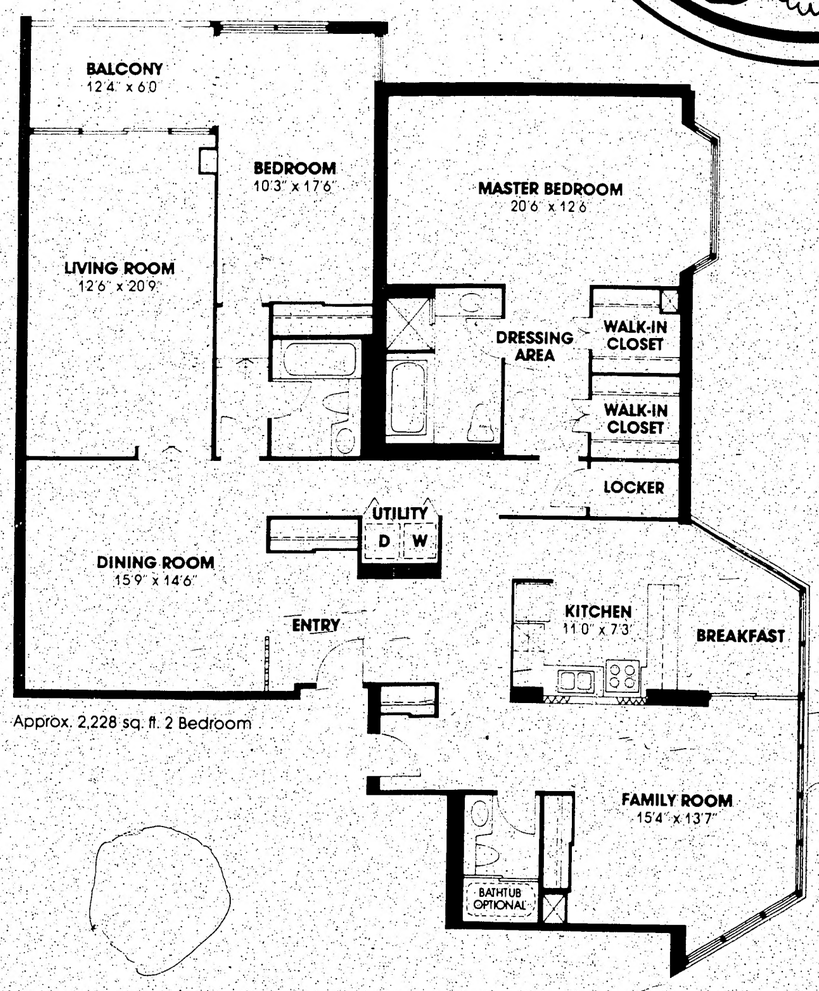

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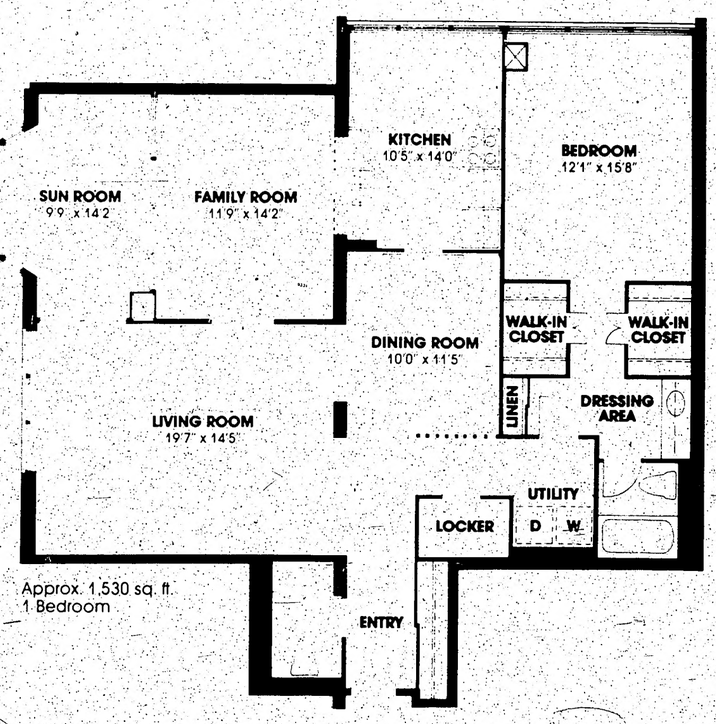

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